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### **Statement by Trenton Mayor Eric E. Jackson on the Trenton Water Works**

Over the last several months, Trenton Water Works (TWW), the water utility service for Trenton and surrounding areas, sampled 119 homes for lead in its 64,000-customer service area that comprises Trenton, Ewing, and parts of Lawrenceville, Hopewell, and Hamilton. It will conduct this sampling every six months. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires all large water utilities to conduct this testing. We continue to take the necessary steps to ensure that the municipal water supply generated through Trenton Water Works is among the highest quality in the region.

Trenton Water Works discovered that 14 homes from the sample had higher lead levels than the acceptable 15 parts per billion, as outlined by federal and state law. Six of the homes are in Trenton, four are in Lawrenceville and four are in Hamilton. More than likely, these homes are equipped with pipes and fixtures that were created using a lead-based soldering technique that is no longer in practice.

For more information, call us at (609) 989-3640, or visit our website at [trentonnj.org](http://trentonnj.org). For more information on reducing lead exposure around your property and the health effects of lead, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead), or call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD or the Safe Drinking Water Act hotline at 1-800-426-4791, or contact your health care provider.

The City of Trenton must ensure that water quality is at its highest levels. To that end, we are making substantial investments in filtration, storage, feeder systems and personnel. We have recently issued a request for proposal (RFP) for additional services to help us reach designated day-to-day operational goals related to the city's water filtration. We also want help assessing and developing additional techniques to strengthen our control corrosion program for the pre-1947 underground pipes that circulate water in the system.