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Statement from Trenton Water Works

The recent water violations cited by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) this week are a result of previously reported issues and are not due to any new malfunctions or contamination.

As per our agreement with DEP, Trenton Water Works (TWW) is steadily working to rectify issues over staffing, operations, and infrastructure by the end of June.

To that end, TWW collects eight samples every quarter of the year to determine the concentration of Disinfectant By-Products (DBP) which include Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) and Trihalomethanes (TTHM).

When the concentration of the HAA5 and the TTHM are found to be above the Maximum Concentration Level (MCL), as per regulations, TWW is to notify the public with the information, along with an explanation of why this happened, what is the impact to the health of the users, and how TWW intends to correct the violation(s).

As we have begun to correct our systems, the MCL was lower for the first quarter of 2018. However, the average for the samples collected on February 12, 2018, showed a higher than allowed MCL average because it included the fourth quarter samples collected on November 14, 2017.

These levels do not have an impact on the quality of the water, and the water is safe to drink. A public notification, however, is forthcoming in compliance with regulatory requirements, as noted above.

Mayor Eric E. Jackson and the recently hired new engineering team at TWW remain committed to ensuring safe drinking water to all users.