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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

After receiving numerous notifications from Trenton Water Works (TWW) about water quality concerns, the Hopewell Township Committee as a cautionary measure, ordered independent testing be conducted to better understand the quality of the water service provided to our community.

The Township now has results from the independent testing from six locations across the TWW served portions of the community. The analysis found bacteria, lead, copper, and pH levels all within normal range. Some disinfectant residual was elevated at three of the six locations. While one set of elevated testing results does not necessarily indicate a larger problem, it does suggest that a regular testing protocol should be established to monitor local water quality as TWW works to improve their water quality.

In light of this information, the Hopewell Township Committee will continue to petition TWW and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to improve the water treatment plant infrastructure, to reduce disinfectant residuals in the water supply, and to sample the disinfectant residuals within the township. This will help assure all users of the system are fairly represented and further assure TWW meets the system's obligation to routinely flush the lines within our community.

Please know that Hopewell Township will continue to provide information regarding any developments with TWW. Copies of all water test results, latest TWW system notices, and other water related information can be found on the Health Department's Water Quality Page at <a href="https://www.hopewelltwp.org">www.hopewelltwp.org</a>. Your Health Department is always available to answer regular water quality questions and can be reached at 609-737-0120, or at <a href="healthofficer@hopewelltwp.org">healthofficer@hopewelltwp.org</a>. Questions regarding TWW notices, projects, or system compliance can be directed to TWW at (609) 989-3355.

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