

Chromium-6 Articles / Report Statement:

The source of the recent articles circulating regarding Chromium-6 in the Sparta Water Utility's drinking water is a study performed by an advocate group that elected to develop its' own contamination levels, rather than utilizing actual Federal EPA Drinking water standards. The federal agency (EPA), which governs our water regulations, has a maximum contaminant level (MCL) set for Total Chromium at 100 parts per billion (ppb). The advocacy group generated their findings by establishing their own MCL at 0.02 ppb rather than utilizing the established federal regulations. The level of Chromium in Sparta Water Utility's drinking water is, in fact, well below the current EPA standard of 100 parts per billion (adopted by NJ). Sparta Township has 31 active wells and our Unregulated contaminant sampling results yield Chromium levels ranging from approximately 1 ppb to non-detectable. As such, the water is perfectly safe for customer consumption. In comparison, the Sparta Water Utility's testing results would be well below California's standard for Chromium (the lowest adopted standard in the US) of 10 parts per billion. There is certainly no reason for our customers to be worried about Chromium-6 contamination in their drinking water.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact the Water Utility Office at 973-729-7133. Also, should you wish to learn more about Chromium, we encourage you to visit the EPA's information page at:

www.epa.gov/dwstandardsregulations/chromium-drinking-water.