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City of Newark Responds to Recent Harvard Study Report on Water Quality

Newark, DE - City Manager Carol Houck issued the following statement in response to a [published report](#) indicating unsafe levels of toxic Chemicals in the City's water supply:

"The City of Newark is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents and visitors. A recent Harvard study publication indicated unsafe levels of specific industrial chemicals had been detected in Newark's drinking water - but the information is inaccurate and misleading. The samples referenced in the study were taken from a well located in close proximity to the New Castle Airport and is in no way associated with the City of Newark's water system. The association with Newark identified in the study was due to a limitation of the available location data within the testing database. The City of Newark did participate in the EPA's unregulated contaminant study, but none of the contaminants in question were detected in the City's water source. We are confident our water quality meets or exceeds quality standards and does not pose any risk to those who consume it."

The City discussed the limitations of location data with the study's authors who agreed to edit their press release and publication, offering the following response:

"We appreciate that our press release may cause undue concern to the water consumers of Newark, DE. Therefore we have removed from the Harvard press release the reference to your town. In addition, we have added additional information to the description of the map to help readers better understand what the map represents.

"Here is a link to the updated press release: <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-releases/toxic-chemicals-drinking-water/>."

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