



September 24, 2018

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water – District 15
500 North Central Avenue, Suite 500
Glendale, CA 91203
Attn: Chi Diep, District Engineer

Re: Hexavalent Chromium Testing

Dear Mr. Diep:

In 2016, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) conducted various public meetings in Paramount with regards to a release of Hexavalent Chromium in the air from two (2) private industrial facilities located in Paramount. At that time, concerns were expressed by residents that Hexavalent Chromium may have entered the water from those releases. In order to respond to those concerns and put residents' minds at ease, the City opted to conduct monthly testing of Hexavalent Chromium in our water production and distribution system, in addition to the already required testing. Results from the past two years of monthly testing indicate there are no issues with our potable drinking water reaching any previously set MCL (Maximum Control Limit) standards. In fact, in many cases, we have found Non-Detect readings for this compound in our water system.

In light of these results, we have stopped this additional testing as of September 2018. It is our understanding that there are no current MCL standards or testing requirements for Hexavalent Chromium in drinking water at this time. We intend to resume these activities as soon as the State Water Resources Control Board establishes the revised standards and monitoring requirements for Hexavalent Chromium in drinking water, which we understand are currently being drafted.

The City will continue to regularly test its drinking water as per the State's requirements, and will continue to include that information in the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). All CCRs can be found on the City's website at www.paramountcity.com/ccr

If you have any questions, concerns, or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at: AFigueroa@paramountcity.com or 562-220-2100.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works

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