



## *The Township of Hamilton*

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#### **Subject: Trenton Water Works – Low Chlorine Levels**

Dear Governor Murphy, Commissioner McCabe, Acting Commissioner Persichilli and Interim Director Picco:

I am writing, yet again, regarding the low chlorine levels detected at the Trenton Water Works Mercerville tower, and am dismayed by lack of urgency from both State officials and Trenton Water Works.

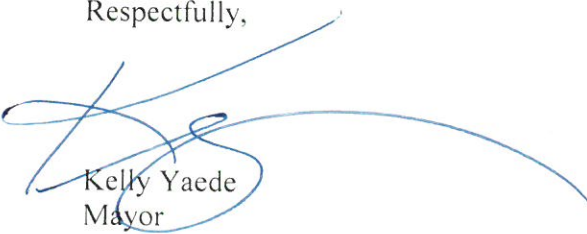
As I have documented over the past two weeks, the “historically low” chlorine levels at the Trenton Water Works’ Mercerville tower has been known by State officials and appear to have been further evidenced by informal State testing in the area served by this tower.

**Additionally, data now verify that between April and early September of this year, chlorine levels at the Trenton Water Works’ Mercerville tower were consistently below acceptable standards during the entire timeframe, with bacteria growth escalating during September.**

Considering my continued outreach during the past two weeks on this important issue, it is unacceptable that a conference call to discuss this matter has not yet been finalized by State officials, and why immediate and decisive actions by the State officials that regulate Trenton Water Works has not yet occurred.

I am, once again, demanding daily chlorine monitoring, on-site, at the Mercerville tank, with the results forwarded to our Township officials, along with a hard deadline of when the permanent remediation of the Mercerville tower will be completed.

Respectfully,

  
Kelly Yaede  
Mayor

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Date	COC#	Storage Tank	Free Chlorine	HPC Result 1	HPC Result 2
2/27/2019	46918	Mercerville	0.36	<1	<1
3/20/2019	47211	Mercerville	0.46	<1	<1
4/29/2019	47772	Mercerville	0.04	<1	<1
5/29/2019	48188	Mercerville	0	<1	<1
6/28/2019	48629	Mercerville	0	<1	<1
7/24/2019	49017	Mercerville	0.01	1	1
8/22/2019	49467	Mercerville	0.02	<1	<1
9/9/2019	49755	Mercerville	0.02	12	13
9/13/2019	49814	Mercerville	0.62	N/A	N/A
9/23/2019	49944	Mercerville	0.12	77	100
9/27/2019	50014	Mercerville	0.05	63	67
3/14/2019	47127	WHT-High	0.48	<1	2
2/28/2019	46936	WHT-Lower	0.43	<1	<1
3/14/2019	47129	WHT-Lower	0.41	<1	<1
4/11/2019	47523	WHT-Lower	0.28	<1	<1
5/23/2019	48125	WHT-Lower	0.15	<1	<1
6/27/2019	48610	WHT-Lower	0	<1	<1
7/29/2019	49081	WHT-Lower	0	<1	<1
8/22/2019	49469	WHT-Lower	0.05	<1	4
8/27/2019	49526	WHT-Lower	0.06	N/A	N/A
9/23/2019	49887	WHT-Lower	0.33	<1	<1
3/14/2019	47128	WHT-Mid	0.44	<1	<1
4/11/2019	47524	WHT-Mid	0.27	<1	<1
5/23/2019	48126	WHT-Mid	0.14	<1	<1
6/27/2019	48611	WHT-Mid	0	<1	2
7/29/2019	49082	WHT-Mid	0.04	5	2
8/22/2019	49470	WHT-Mid	0.01	<1	<1
8/27/2019	49527	WHT-Mid	0.14	N/A	N/A
9/23/2019	49888	WHT-Mid	0.29	10	8
3/14/2019	47126	WHT-Riser	0.47	<1	<1
4/11/2019	47526	WHT-Riser	0.51	<1	3
5/23/2019	48124	WHT-Riser	0.11	27	20
6/27/2019	48609	WHT-Riser	0.01	<1	<1
7/29/2019	49080	WHT-Riser	0.09	<1	<1
8/22/2019	49468	WHT-Riser	0.09	<1	<1
8/27/2019	49525	WHT-Riser	0.06	N/A	N/A
9/23/2019	49886	WHT-Riser	0.53	<1	<1
2/28/2019	46937	WHT-Upper	0.51	<1	<1
4/11/2019	47525	WHT-Upper	0.32	<1	<1
5/23/2019	48127	WHT-Upper	0.17	10	1
6/27/2019	48612	WHT-Upper	0.03	<1	<1
7/29/2019	49083	WHT-Upper	0.08	2	
8/22/2019	49471	WHT-Upper	0.05	<1	<1
8/27/2019	49528	WHT-Upper	0.05	N/A	N/A
9/23/2019	49889	WHT-Upper	0.27	<1	<1