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## Public Affairs Advisory

**TO: AWWA Member Utilities**

**FROM: AWWA Public Affairs**

**DATE: April 4, 2011**

<b>Who:</b> Environmental Working Group
<b>What:</b> Press release questioning chromium 6 testing
<b>When:</b> Today

The environmental advocacy organization Environmental Working Group (EWG) today issued a press release critical of water utilities that have participated in research on chromium-6 and not publicly released results.

The release is available off the EWG web site at [www.ewg.org](http://www.ewg.org). The Water Research Foundation, which published the report "Occurrence Survey of Boron and Hexavalent Chromium" in 2004, issued a statement in response that described EWG's release as "reckless and irresponsible for any entity purporting to serve a scientific purpose." The complete Water Research Foundation statement is available at:

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/statement-by-water-research-foundation-about-environmental-working-group-media-alert-on-hexavalent-chromium-119207119.html>

Water utilities may be contacted by local media seeking information on past testing on chromium 6. Potential questions include:

- Were your waters tested for chromium 6 and what were the results?
- Did you share this information publicly? If not, why not?
- Are you doing research on any other water contaminants?
- Who pays for this research?

Although hexavalent chromium is not a regulated contaminant, AWWA advises utilities that test for it to make results publicly available as they are known.

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