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Dear Parents and Staff,

The safety for the children and staff at our Child Development Centers (CDC) and Youth Centers (YC) are a continuous priority. In my earlier letter announcing our sampling and testing for lead in drinking water program, I told you we would be testing all water outlets that could potentially be used for cooking and drinking at our CDCs and YCs.

We tested 268 CDCs and YCs water outlets. One of these outlets tested higher than 20 parts per billion (ppb) of lead, which is the screening level designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take action with additional testing and, in some cases, corrective measures. This location is not typically utilized for drinking water. In addition, no adverse health effects are expected at the level detected at this location.

The lead level was higher than the EPA screening level at the following location: Building 413 Room 18. The outlet that exceeded the EPA recommended level of 20 ppb was a classroom sink, which tested at 21 ppb. After replacing the fixture, retesting showed a concentration of less than 1 ppb, below the EPA screening level.

A sampling report detailing the corrective actions we have taken to reduce the amount of lead in water at this fixture is available at the front desk of the CDCs and YCs. Complete test results and a floor plan of both buildings indicates the location of the fixture that had a lead level higher than the EPA screening level are also included in the Sampling Report.

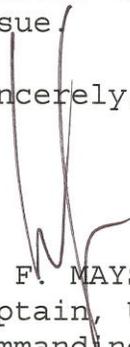
Additional information from EPA regarding lead in drinking water in schools and day care centers can be found at:
http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/schools_index.cfm.

If you have any health questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your health care provider, if you are a TRICARE beneficiary, contact the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE (press option 1), or use the Appointment Center to schedule an appointment with your primary care provider at 1-866-645-4584.

The complete report can be found in hard copy at the front desk of each of the CDCs and YCs at JBAB. The report can also be found electronically at www.cnmc.navy.mil/jbab.

Rest assured that my team and I will continue to monitor and test water quality at the CDCs and YCs to ensure our drinking water lead levels are lower than EPA screening levels. New water outlets at these facilities will be tested before being used as a drinking water source. In addition, all potential drinking water outlets at these facilities will be tested every five years. I am committed to the safety/health of all personnel and family members using our facilities and will keep you updated on this issue.

Sincerely,



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