

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Lead In The Drinking Water, BLDG 1123

Drinking water provided to the MWR Conference Center, Bldg. 1123, on White Beach recently exceeded lead levels in acceptable drinking water standards. This is not an emergency. The water source has been isolated and secured, and Environmental Health professionals have assessed that there is no indication of any significant health risk. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, the current status, the health affects of lead exposure, and what we are doing to correct this deficiency.



### What happened?

Fleet Activities Okinawa routinely samples and tests water at selected consumer taps to safeguard public health. Certified water test results received on 27 SEPT 2013 showed lead levels of 0.056 mg/L. This is above the limit, or "action level", of 0.015 mg/L, so this issue is being corrected.

### What is the status?

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Typically, lead enters water supplies by leaching from lead or brass pipes and plumbing components. New lead pipes and plumbing components containing lead are no longer allowed for this reason; however, many older buildings may contain lead pipes. Your water is more likely to contain high lead levels if water pipes in or leading to your home or office are made of lead or contain lead solder.
- The water in the building has been turned off to ensure that the water is not consumed. Water will not be restored until the source of the lead is identified and removed.
- The drinking water in Bldg. 1123 was last tested in 2007. At that time the water met all drinking water standards. Since that time the building has been solely used as the MWR Conference Center, with the predominant users of the building being adult transient personnel.