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From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Facility Atsugi
To: All U.S. Naval Air Facility Atsugi Personnel

Subj: LEAD IN PRIORITY AREAS SAMPLING NOTIFICATION

1. The safety and wellness of youth at our Child Development Center (CDC), schools, and youth centers is one of my top priorities. As Commanding Officer, I would like to inform you of plans we are undertaking to maintain the well-being of the fleet and family at U.S. Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi.
2. Children are routinely evaluated for lead exposure as a part of their well child check-ups.
3. Exposure to lead is a concern because it is a toxic metal that has a range of adverse health effects, from lowered birth weight, slowed physical and mental development in infants to lowered intelligence levels, impaired hearing, reduced attention span, and poor classroom performance in young children.
4. We are taking a number of steps to reduce children's potential exposure to lead from facility drinking water. This includes testing drinking water for lead, disseminating results to parents, students, staff, and other interested stakeholders, and taking appropriate and necessary actions to correct any problems identified.
5. In the U.S., the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends, but does not require, testing for lead in drinking water in schools and day care centers. However, Navy policy requires this testing program in the best interest of all the children, parents, and staff we serve. As we proceed:
 - a. We want to ensure that School, CDC, and youth center parents and staff are aware of the risks of lead poisoning and the means of mitigating those risks. These will be communicated through the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) website.
 - b. We want to highlight that our testing will be conducted at drinking water fountains, coolers, and outlets where children and staff have the potential to use the water for drinking, cooking, and washing.
 - c. We will inform you of the results once testing is complete and we will keep you informed of any actions we're taking to minimize your child's potential exposure to lead in drinking water.

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6. Once complete, testing results will be available at the CNIC Web site at:
[https://www.cnic.navy.mil/om/base support/environmental/water quality.html](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/om/base/support/environmental/water_quality.html)

7. To learn more about lead in drinking water in schools, day care centers, and additional water quality resources please visit:

- a. EPA (lead in drinking water in schools and day care centers):
<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-schools-and-childcare-facilities>
- b. NAF Atsugi annual water quality report:
<https://navfac.navy.mil/content/dam/navfac/NAVFAC%20Pacific/NAVFA C20%20Far%20East/PDFs/CCR/NAF%20Atsugi%202017%20CCR.pdf>

c. Drinking Water Taste, Odor, and Color:
<https://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/secondarystandards.cfm>
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/drinking/alpha/a-through/color.doc>

8. My point of contact is Mr. Justin Lancaster and he can be reached at DSN: 315-264-4141 or via e-mail at:
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9. If you have any health related questions or concerns about lead exposure, you are encouraged to contact your health care provider or, if you are a TRICARE beneficiary, schedule an appointment with your primary care provider at 1-866-645-4584.

10. We are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way as we complete the testing process.



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