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IN REPLY TO:  
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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

**SUBJECT: UPDATE FOR LEAD SAMPLING PROGRAM IN DRINKING WATER AT CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS AND CHILD YOUTH CENTERS AT NAVAL BASE POINT LOMA**

As Commanding Officer, the safety and wellness of your children at Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL) Child Development Centers (CDC) and Child Youth Centers (CYC) is one of my top priority. This letter is to update you on the drinking water testing that we performed at our CDCs and CYCs from 15 July to 24 August 2019. This preventive testing is based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recommendation to all schools and day care centers. This recurring testing is conducted on a 5-year cycle and was last conducted at NBPL in 2014.

The intent of this recurring testing is to confirm the lead content levels in the drinking water at NBPL's CDC and CYCs are still below EPA recommended levels of 15 parts per billion (ppb). To put that level into perspective, one part per billion is equal to one drop of water in an Olympic-sized swimming pool. This testing was conducted at the following locations:

- CDC NBPL
- CDC Patrick Wade
- Admiral Hartman Child, Youth & Teen Center
- Chesterton Child, Youth & Teen Center
- Gateway Child, Youth & Teen Center
- Village at Serra Mesa Child, Youth & Teen Center

Of the 237 water outlets tested, 3 were above the 15 ppb EPA recommended action level for lead. These 3 outlets are at the NBPL CDC and were immediately taken out of service. It should be noted that each of these 3 outlets are in locations where children have limited access to their use. These outlets will be replaced, retested, and not put back into service until testing shows they are below 15 ppb. All other water outlets remain in service.

Test results, updates, and actions taken to address any concerns will be available at the CDC/CYC front desk and on our website:

[https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/installations/navbase\\_point\\_loma/om/environmental\\_support.html](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/installations/navbase_point_loma/om/environmental_support.html).

If you have additional questions regarding the program, please visit the Commander Navy Region Southwest website:

[https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/om/environmental\\_support/water\\_quality\\_information/lead\\_in\\_priority\\_area\\_sampling\\_program.html](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/om/environmental_support/water_quality_information/lead_in_priority_area_sampling_program.html) or call the NBPL Public Affairs Office (619) 553-0090.

If you would like to learn more regarding this issue, please visit: <http://www2.epa.gov/lead>, [https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/publications/nceh\\_prevent\\_childhood\\_lead\\_poisoning\\_508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/publications/nceh_prevent_childhood_lead_poisoning_508.pdf) or factsheet accompanying this letter.

Sincerely,

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