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MEMORANDUM

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

#### Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in JBAB-Bolling Water

The Bolling Water System serving Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) recently violated a federal drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants on each side of Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.

During September 2014 on the Bolling side of JBAB, we exceeded the monthly federal drinking water standard, or maximum contaminant level for total coliform bacteria in drinking water due to positive samples of total coliform;  
September 9 at Building 4456 Child Development Center I  
September 9 at Building 4455 Child Development Center II  
The standard is no more than one positive sample per month for the drinking water system.

#### What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified within 24 hours. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *\*Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be*

*present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.\**

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.** If we had, we would have notified you immediately.

**What is being done?**

We are reviewing the sampling procedures with the staff collecting the samples to reduce the possibility of contamination from the environment. We also flushed water pipes in the area. We will continue routine sampling and monitor for the presence of bacteria. Further testing has shown that this problem has been resolved. We will continue to work with our partner, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to provide you the best, safest water we can.

For more information, please contact Brooke Shaffer at 202-404-1273 or 370 Brookley Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20032-0101.

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in housing, child development centers, base tenants and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.\**

This notice is being sent to you by Commanding Officer, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling PWS, Water System ID#: DC0000007.

Date distributed: September 29, 2014.

Sincerely,

  
C. F. MAYS, JR  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer  
Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling