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From: Commanding Officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility
To: Staff of and Parents with Children at Pacific Missile Range Facility Child Development and Youth Center

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1. The safety and wellness of your children is our highest priority, and I thank you for trusting me to implement measures that will further assure we provide the most healthful environment for your children who attend programs at our Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) facilities.

2. In addition to our regularly performed water quality testing as required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Hawaii Department of Health, Navy policy requires lead testing in priority areas (LIPA) program be conducted every five years in the best interest of all the children, parents, and staff we serve. If a lead level is detected above 0.015 mg/L (15 ppb), additional requirements and corrective actions will be taken to minimize potential exposure. The policy aligns with the EPA recommendation to sample for lead in drinking water at youth program sites and childcare facilities. Results from 2014 testing are on Navy Region Hawaii's website at

https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/environmental/water_quality_information.html.

3. While current data indicates our youth program sites and childcare facilities are safe, plans are progressing to sample and analyze the drinking water for lead to identify any potential concerns and take all actions necessary to ensure continued safety and wellness of your children. Testing samples will be drawn from fountains, faucets, and outlets where water is used for drinking or cooking.

4. We are taking proactive measures to ensure our water is safe as part of our commitment to the health and well-being of our Sailors and their families. As testing proceeds, we will:

a. Ensure that (school/child day care/youth center) parents and staff are aware of the risks of lead poisoning and the means of mitigating those risks.

b. 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. Inform you of the results once testing is completed and keep you informed of any actions we take to minimize your child's potential exposure to lead in drinking water.

5. The following locations at our installation will be tested in the near future:

a. PMRF CDC

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b. PMRF Youth Center

6. Once complete, testing results will also be available at the Navy Region Hawaii website:
https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/environmental/water_quality_information.html.

7. To learn more about lead in drinking water in schools and 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. Annual water quality report:
https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/environmental/water_quality_information.html

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

d. Hawaii Department of Health resource:
<https://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention/>

8. If you have questions, please visit the Navy Region Hawaii website environmental page at
<http://go.usa.gov/yUVh> or call our Public Affairs Office at (808) 473-0662.

9. We are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way as we complete this 2019 Water Testing for Lead in Priority Areas testing process.



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