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Dear Parents and Staff,

The safety and health of children and staff at our Child Development Centers (CDC) and Austin's Play Room are a continuous priority. In my earlier fact sheet outlining our Lead Sampling Program, I told you we would be sampling and testing all water outlets that could potentially be used for cooking and drinking at our CDCs and Austin's Play Room.

We recently tested 156 CDC and Austin's Play Room water outlets. Four of these outlets had results that exceeded the EPA action threshold for lead, 20 parts per billion (ppb). Actions may include additional testing and, in some cases, corrective measures. These four locations are not typically utilized for drinking water. In addition, no adverse health effects are expected at the levels detected at these four locations.

The lead levels were higher than the EPA screening level at the following locations:

Building 26, Room 113: The outlet that exceeded the EPA threshold was a sink sprayer that tested at 67 ppb. This outlet is used for dishwashing. After replacing the sprayer, outlet retesting showed a concentration of 5.1 ppb, well below the EPA screening level.

Building 26, Room 118: The outlet that exceeded the EPA threshold was a high hand washing station that tested at 22 ppb. This outlet is used for adult hand washing. After replacing the faucet, retesting showed a concentration of 4.4 ppb, well below the EPA screening level.

Building 26, Room 109: The outlet that exceeded the EPA threshold was an outdoor water spigot that tested at 140 ppb. This outlet was used for outdoor water play. After replacing the faucet, retesting showed a concentration of less than 1 ppb, well below the EPA screening level.

Building 88, Room 208: The outlet that exceeded the EPA threshold was a shower head that tested at 28 ppb. This outlet is used for adult bathing. Per Navy guidance, this location is

not considered a priority area (i.e., this location has a very low potential of being used for cooking or drinking); therefore no additional sampling or corrective action is necessary.

A Sampling Report detailing the corrective actions taken to reduce the amount of lead in water at these fixtures is available at the front desk of the CDCs and Austin's Play Room. The Sampling Report includes floor plans identifying the locations of the fixtures that exceeded the EPA threshold.

This issue may generate more questions than this letter can answer. As such, I invite you to contact the Environmental Programs Director, Susan Paul, at (301) 295-2482 or the NSAB Public Affairs Officer, Ron Inman, at (301) 295-1803.

The following website is an additional resource that you may find valuable and informative:

EPA (lead in drinking water schools and day care centers)
http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/schools_index.cfm

If you have any health questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your health care provider. If you are a TRICARE beneficiary, you may contact the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE (press option 1) or use the Appointment Center to schedule an appointment with your primary care provider at 1-866-645-4584.

Rest assured that my team and I will continue to monitor and test water quality at the CDCs and Austin's Play Room to ensure our drinking water lead levels are below the EPA screening threshold levels. New water outlets at these facilities will be tested before being used as a drinking water source. In addition, all potential drinking water outlets at these facilities will be tested every five years. I am committed to the safety and health of all personnel and family members using our facilities and will keep you updated on this issue.

Sincerely,



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