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SUBJECT: 2019 LEAD IN PRIORITY AREA SAMPLING RESULTS

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

The Navy is committed to maintaining safe drinking water on its installations. Because lead exposure is a particular concern for children, and lead may be added to drinking water through the pipes, fittings, solder, and fixtures inside a building, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends, but does not mandate, schools and childcare facilities test the lead content of drinking water. The Navy adopted the recommendation as policy and tests the Child Development, Youth Activity and Teen Centers (CDC) every five years.

Between 29 June and 25 September 2019, Naval Support Activity South Potomac tested 86 water outlets for lead across the three centers in accordance with established sampling protocols. Of those outlets, four exceeded the EPA established 15 parts per billion (ppb) action level for lead. These outlets were in vacant rooms or not used as a source of drinking water. Personnel removed or replaced each fixture that exceeded the 15 ppb level with a new lead-free fixture to ensure the safety of children and staff. The following fixtures were replaced or removed after they exceeded the EPA action level:

- a. CDC, Room 105, sink sprayer: The sprayer was not regularly used and was removed.
- b. CDC, Room 115, high (adult) handwashing sink. Room 115 is vacant and the sink was not regularly used. The fixture was immediately removed from service, replaced and resampled. Resampling showed a lead level below the EPA action level.
- c. CDC, Room 123, kitchen sprayer. The kitchen sprayer was not in use and was immediately removed from service, replaced and resampled. Resampling showed a lead level below the EPA action level.
- d. CDC, Room 134, high (adult) handwashing sink. Room 134 is vacant and the sink was not regularly used. The fixture was immediately removed from service, replaced and resampled. Resampling showed a lead level below the EPA action level.

To learn more about lead in drinking water in schools and day care centers visit the following EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-drinking-water-schools-and-child-care-facilities>.

We are committed to the health and safety of your children and keeping you informed every step of the way as we continue to improve the amenities of our installation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. A. O'Leary".

M. A. O'LEARY