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To: Parents and Staff

Subj: DRINKING WATER LEAD SAMPLING RESULTS AT YOKOSUKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Encl: (1) Overview of Testing Results for Lead in Drinking Water and Corrective Actions for Fleet Activities Yokosuka – Yokosuka Middle School (Buildings 4372 and 4373)
(2) Sample Summary Results Table
(3) Floor Plan - Yokosuka Middle School

1. The safety and health of children and staff at our Child Development Centers (CDCs), Schools, and Youth Centers (YCs) is a top priority. The water outlets that could potentially be used for cooking, washing, or drinking at our Schools, CDCs, and YCs on Yokosuka Main Base have been tested.

2. The results of recent water testing of 261 drinking water outlets at Yokosuka Middle School have been received. Of these, 16 outlets tested higher than Navy screening level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) for lead, which is the level requiring action to include additional testing and corrective measures. Lead in drinking water typically comes from the existing plumbing inside buildings including service lines, fittings, solder, water coolers, or water faucets. Lead is more likely to be found in drinking water when the water has not been run for an extended period of time and has been sitting in the system (e.g., overnight, weekends, etc.).

3. The lead levels were higher than the screening level at bubbler water fountains in rooms 123, 133, 218, 223, 319, 324, and 326, and faucets in rooms 123, 222, 324, 144G, 144J, 147C, 147E, 225A, and 241A. After receiving the test results, these water outlets were immediately taken out of service. Details on the corrective actions we plan to take to reduce the amount of lead in water at these fixtures are discussed in enclosure (1). Additionally, enclosure (2) and enclosure (3) indicate the location of the fixtures that had lead levels higher than the screening level.

4. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the LIPA Program, please contact the FLEACT Yokosuka Public Affairs Officer at CFAYPublicAffairsOfficer@gmail.com.

5. Here are some additional resources you may find informative:

a. Environmental Protection Agency. (lead in drinking water in schools and day care centers)

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/3ts-reducing-lead-drinking-water>

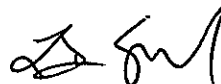
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b. Annual water quality report for the installation.

<https://cnrj.cnic.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Water-Quality-Information/Water-quality-reports/#CFAY>

6. If you have any health-related questions or concerns about lead exposure, you are encouraged to contact your health care provider or if you are a TRICARE beneficiary use the Yokosuka Naval Hospital central appointment line at DSN: 315-243-5352. If unable to acquire information from previously discussed sources, please contact my staff immediately.

7. This safety concern will continue to be monitored, water quality tested and actions taken where necessary at Yokosuka Middle School to ensure our drinking water lead levels are lower than screening levels. Fleet Activities Yokosuka is committed to the safety and health of all personnel and family members using our facilities and will keep you updated on this issue.



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