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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The safety and wellness of your children are 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 Navy facilities.

In addition to our regularly performed water quality testing as required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Hawaii Department of Health, the Navy has issued a new policy requiring testing of drinking water every five years to ensure our children are protected. The policy aligns with the EPA recommendation to sample for lead in drinking water at youth program sites and childcare facilities. This sampling is currently underway at all Navy child and youth areas throughout the U.S.

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.

The following locations at our installation will be tested:

- PMRF Child Development Center
- PMRF Youth Care Center
- PMRF Infant Care Center

If you would like to learn more, please refer to the fact sheet accompanying this letter, or visit: Navy Region Hawaii's website at <http://go.usa.gov/yUVh>.

Testing results, updates, and actions necessary to address any concerns will be available on our website as well as at the front desk of our childcare facilities and youth program sites by the end of November.

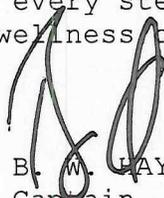
To learn more about lead in drinking water in schools and day care centers and additional water quality resources please visit:

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

- 2014 Navy Water Quality Report for PMRF: <http://go.usa.gov/yUwe>
- 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-through/color.doc>

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) 335-4740.

I am committed to updating you every step of the way and will continue to ensure the safety and wellness of your children.



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