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Dear Child Development Center/Youth Center Staff:

SUBJECT: WATER TESTED AT CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS AND YOUTH CENTERS

As you are aware, the Navy recently tested water at Child Development Centers and Youth Centers in the Northwest as part of our ongoing commitment to provide our personnel and the children in our care with safe drinking water.

Hundreds of water outlets were tested and three sites at Naval Base Kitsap were identified as having lead levels above the 20 parts per billion (ppb) threshold established by regulation. These outlets are not typically used for drinking or cooking: One was a fountain attached to a sink that is not used for drinking, one was a hand washing station, and one was a sink at a diaper changing station.

The three water outlets were immediately taken out of service and labeled accordingly. Additional information is provided below:

a. Bangor Child Development Center (CDC), Building 2900A, Gold Room. The water fountain to the back right of the sink identified was not used in recent memory of caregivers with over 25 years of service in this facility. The piping is separate from the spigot in the sink that has been used for hand washing and teeth brushing - that spigot did NOT have a reading above the authorized level. Water is brought into the classroom in multiple pitchers with paper cups from the CDC Kitchen for the children and staff to drink. This procedure has been in place for years, according to caregivers who have worked in the facility for over 25 years. There is no need for concern by those using the Chapel facility. The Command Chaplain has been kept informed about all matters related to this issue.

b. Jackson Park CDC, Building 779, CDC Kitchen Hand Washing Station. Other hand washing stations within the kitchen are being used to ensure food safety for the children.

c. Bremerton Child Development Infant Toddler Center, Building 1141, Hand Washing Station. Multiple other hand washing stations within the facility are being used to ensure the safety of the children and employees.

We are in the process of determining why these outlets tested above the threshold since many factors, such as leaching from plumbing materials or aerators and screens, could be the cause. We will be cleaning all water outlet aerators and screens regardless of the results as part of a regular cleaning schedule and will also re-test those three outlets in early November. Corrective actions will be taken as necessary to ensure water from those locations is below the regulatory threshold.

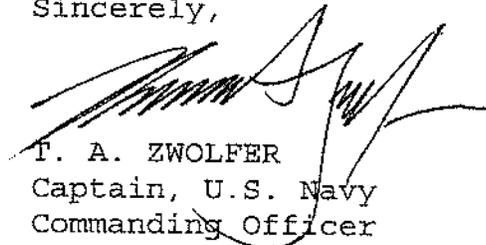
Water testing results are posted at the front desk of each CDC and Youth Center as well as online at www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnrnw/om/environmental_support.html. This website also has more detailed testing information along with Water Quality Program Reports.

For more information, please visit the website or contact Silvia Klatman, Naval Base Kitsap Public Affairs Officer, at silvia.klatman@navy.mil or (360) 627-4031.

If you have concerns for your wellbeing, please seek assistance from Navy Occupational Health.

We remain committed to the safety and health of you and the children in our care and will take action to ensure the water meets required standards for quality.

Sincerely,



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