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Dear Parents, Guardians, and MCAS Miramar Staff,

I wrote to you last month regarding the results of fall 2020 testing for lead in water drawn from outlets at the MCAS Miramar Child Development Center (CDC) Buildings 2740, 2741 and 2742. I reported that samples from 22 of 154 outlets exceeded the 15 parts per billion (ppb) action limit recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), that we immediately took those outlets out of service, and that we would conduct follow-up testing. I am writing now to inform you of the results of that follow-up testing.

For the re-test, each of the 22 water outlets was flushed for at least 30 seconds, then secured for approximately 18 hours before drawing and testing a new sample. This EPA protocol simulates regular usage. Samples from 15 of the 22 outlets tested below 15 ppb. We have taken the following actions regarding the seven outlets that re-tested above 15 ppb and are comprised of:

- Three exterior hose spigots (Buildings 2740, 2741, and 2742) will continue to be secured with locks, and permanent signs identifying the water as non-potable will remain. These protective measures have been in place since 2014.
- One bathroom faucet in Building 2741 and three faucets in Building 2742 will be capped and remain out of service permanently.

The CDC is also instituting a "best practice" of routinely cleaning faucet aerators and regularly running water through all active faucets.

Test results and a description of further actions taken will be available at the CDC front desks and on the MCAS Miramar Environmental Management Department website at www.miramar-ems.marines.mil. Further information regarding lead in drinking water is available from the U.S. EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

As Commanding Officer, the safety and wellness of children at the CDC will always be among my top priorities. Accordingly, we will continue our practice of testing on a 5-year cycle as recommended by the EPA. For additional information regarding the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps water quality and lead sampling programs, or if you have further questions, please contact the MCAS Miramar Environmental Management Department at (858) 307-9161.

Sincerely,

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