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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 Youth and Teen Center (YTC), Building 2700. I reported that samples from two faucets in room 127 exceeded the 15 parts per billion (ppb) action limit recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), that we immediately took those faucets out of service, and that we would conduct follow-up testing. I am writing now to notify you that follow-up testing, conducted according to EPA protocols, determined that water from neither faucet contains lead above 15 ppb.

As I noted in my January letter, these two faucets were in a room that had been vacant since March 2020, and we suspected that the lack of water flow may have caused the elevated levels in the initial results. For the re-test, each outlet was flushed for at least 30 seconds, then secured for approximately 18 hours before drawing and testing a new sample. This protocol simulates regular usage, and neither of the new samples tested above 15 ppb.

Test results are available at the YTC front desks and on the MCAS Miramar Environmental Management Department website at [www.miramar-ems.marines.mil](http://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 YTC 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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