

From: Commander, Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Florida

To: Parents and Staff

Subj: Play Areas

Encl: (1) Overview of Results & Actions

(2) Complete Test Results

(3) Location of Play Areas Exceedance (Figure 1)

1. I want to make you aware of the latest developments regarding our efforts to address elevated lead levels in drinking water at the NAS Jacksonville Play Areas.

2. On 6 January 2025, I informed you of the results of recent water testing of 27 Play Area outlets. Of these, one outlets tested higher than 10 parts per billion (ppb) screening level for lead. This is the Navy's designated level for action with additional testing and corrective measures.

3. We recently completed all corrective measures, and additional testing shows that the levels at the Play Areas are all below the screening level of 10 ppb. Specifically, after the initial findings, we took the following corrective actions:

- We immediately took the outlet out of service and conducted follow-up sampling. The outlet tested below the screening level of 10 ppb for lead when resampled.

4. I've attached the complete set of test results, which include the list of sampling locations and the purpose of the water outlet (drinking fountain or sink). As described above, for those locations that exceeded the recommended screening level on the first test, we conducted a follow-up sampling resulting in no further corrective action needed. The attachment provides details on which outlets required follow-up sampling, corrective action, and the actions taken. For outlets where corrective actions were implemented, the attachment also shows the results of follow-on sampling to confirm that lead levels were below 10 ppb. I've also enclosed an aerial map which delineates the location where initial water sampling results exceeded 10 ppb. All outlets are now below the screening level. For your information, I am also including links to additional drinking water quality resources:

a. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (lead in drinking water in schools and childcare centers): <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

b. Annual water quality report for the installation: <https://cnrse.cnmc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Environmental-Support/Water-Quality-Information/>

5. Please be assured that my team and I will continue to monitor and test water quality at the NAS Jacksonville Play Areas to ensure our drinking water complies with EPA regulations. If you have questions or concerns, please bring them to the attention of the staff.

6. If you have any health-related questions or concerns about lead exposure, you are encouraged to contact your health care provide, or if you are a TRICARE beneficiary, use the REGION Appointment Center to schedule an appointment with your primary care provider at 1-800-444-5445.

7. I am committed to the safety and health of all personnel and family members using our facilities and will keep you updated on this issue.

Sincerely,

G. P. deWindt
Captain, United States Navy
Commanding Officer

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