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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Naval Air Station Lemoore Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. As of June 26th, we have collected fifteen (15) samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during June 2010. Two (2) of our samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than **one (1)** sample per month may do so. Both July samples showing the presence of coliform bacteria were collected at Hangar 5 (at the end of a water line)-no other locations on base showed a presence of coliform bacteria.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

Corrective actions conducted:

- Chlorinating and flushing the water system.
- Increased sampling for coliform bacteria.
- Investigating the source of contamination.

- The distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples do not show presence of coliform bacteria.

For more information, please contact Joe Pharo at (559) 998-4117

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within ten (10) days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students and parents (if the students are minors).
- Residential Rental Property Owners or Managers (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- Business Property Owners, Managers or Operators: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Naval Air Station Lemoore.

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