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## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON ANSBACH OPC 454 BOX 45 APO AE 09250-9001

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Personnel, Dependents, and Employees Residing or Working in the United States Army Garrison (USAG) Ansbach Military Community

SUBJECT: Notification of USAG Ansbach Elementary School (Building 5507) Water Sampling Results

- 1. On 7 April 2025, Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division (DPW EMD) performed the annual routine Lead in Drinking Water Sampling at Ansbach Elementary School (Building 5507). The lab results received on 24 April 2025 revealed that lead levels at four out of six tested outlets exceeded public health thresholds outlined in Environmental Protection Agency drinking water regulations.
- 2. The locations identified as exceeding the limit were sinks located in rooms 16(A), 35(A), 46(A), and 109(C). In the analysis, sample (A) represents the initial collection, sample (B) is obtained after 30 seconds of water flow, and sample (C) is collected following 2 minutes and 30 seconds of continuous runtime.
- 3. The safety of students and staff is a top priority, so to correct the issue, in coordination with DPW, Ansbach Elementary School has taken the following actions:
- a. Posted "no drinking water" signs at all sinks pending further testing including at the sampling points that exceeded tolerances.
- b. Begun replacing the faucets of the sinks in the tested rooms and conducting maintenance and replacement of fixtures on all school sinks
- c. Scheduled follow up testing to be conducted by the Garrison EMD team on Saturday May 3, 2025, testing 100% of all facility sinks and drinking water fountains.
- 4. Pursuant to U.S. federal law, please be advised there is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant women, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Personnel may contact their health care providers regarding potential risks.

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- 5. Please share this information with other people who may have consumed the water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. Post this notice in a public place and/or distribute copies by hand or mail.
- 6. POC for this action is Ms. Jennifer Collins, C/ Environmental Division, DSN 587-1671 or jennifer.l.collins42.civ@army.mil.

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