



# INFORMATION SHEET

## Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton

### North System & South System Drinking Water Quality



This information sheet provides Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, drinking water consumers with information regarding the base's North and South Water Systems.

Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton is committed to providing you safe and compliant drinking water. This is a duty and responsibility that we take very seriously. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water (State) are regulatory agencies with the responsibility of providing us regulation, permits, and oversight to ensure your drinking water is safe and compliant.

Therefore, the EPA and the State inspected the base's drinking water systems during June 26-30, 2017. This inspection revealed a violation of the Disinfectant-By-Products Rule, in that the Chief Water Operator position was not filled with a certified water operator and some inspected reservoirs were found vulnerable to intrusion which could potentially allow for bacteria in the drinking water system. Therefore, following the inspection, the EPA and State separately issued the Command a series of compliance directives.

The EPA and State compliance directives generally pertain to an insufficient number of qualified system operators and other important operation and maintenance issues. These issues include vulnerabilities in the condition of our physical plant with specific emphasis on our 34 treated drinking water reservoirs across the base. We are cooperatively working with the EPA and State to take timely action to increase our drinking water testing protocols, inspect and clean our reservoirs, and increase our staff of certified water operators. We are taking action as we have agreed and want to make sure that you are aware of these issues and are informed of our corrective actions.

#### **What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency, your drinking water is safe and compliant. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. If a situation arises where the water is not safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours

#### **What should I do?**

- There is no immediate health risk. So, you do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

## What is being done?

- We will continue to monitor water quality closely and implement further action and to share our progress with the EPA and the State.
- We are visually inspecting all water system reservoirs within 30 days, and we are sampling each reservoir every two weeks to ensure your water quality.
- A contractor with expertise in public water systems will inspect and clean all water system reservoirs within 180 days.

For more information, visit

<http://www.pendleton.marines.mil/Staff-Agencies/Environmental-Security/>

or contact the Water Resource Division, P.O. Box 555009, MCB Camp Pendleton, CA 92055 – Ms. Erika Marx at (760) 725-9741 or Mr. Allen Hollander at (760) 725-3567.

We are posting and hand-delivering this information to persons served by the water systems, including unit commanders, family housing and billeting residents, installation tenants and guests. Additionally, we will be hosting a series of command presentations and community meetings to provide you additional information. These will be advertised by BASEGRAM, posted in workspaces, and distributed by flyers within housing areas.

This notice is being sent to you by the Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West- Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

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