

# Water Quality Report

## NCTAMS PAC Water System



(Wahiawa & Schofield Wells)

This report meets federal and state requirements for Consumer Confidence Reports. It is updated annually and reflects monitoring data collected up to **Dec. 31, 2015**.

The Navy is pleased to provide you with this year's annual Water Quality Report for the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) Water System.

This document provides information about the water that has been delivered to you over the past year. It describes where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards for safe drinking water.

Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you safe and dependable drinking water.

### Water Provider

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii owns and operates the water system servicing your area. As the Navy water provider in the state, NAVFAC Hawaii primarily supplies water to military housing and installations.

### Drinking Water Standards

Last year, as in years past, your drinking water met all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Hawaii regulations. The regulations require us to test your water for contaminants on a regular basis, making sure it is safe to drink, and to report our results accordingly.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration does the same for bottled water.

In the latest compliance monitoring period, we conducted tests for over 70 contaminants that have potential for being found in your drinking water. Tables 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4 show the levels of concentration of regulated contaminants found. In all cases, the levels measured met both EPA and State requirements for safe drinking water.

We are continually working to protect your drinking water from contaminants. The State of Hawaii's Department of Health completed the Source Water Assessment in 2004. This document identifies the susceptibility of your water supply to contamination. The source water assessment is available for review by contacting NAVFAC Hawaii, Public Affairs, at 808-471-7300.

### Source of Water

Your drinking water comes from a blend of two sources: the Navy's Wahiawa Well and Army's Schofield Wells. Ground water is naturally filtered as it travels from the surface to the aquifer below ground. The Navy water is pumped up from the aquifer, disinfected, fluoridated, and piped into the distribution system.

Since the mid-1980's, the Army has processed its drinking water through an air-stripping treatment plant which is designed to remove organic chemicals [Trichloroethylene (TCE) & Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)]. After treatment, the water is disinfected, fluoridated, and piped into the distribution system.

### Possible Source of Contaminants

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include: rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the

surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals. It can also pick up other substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

### Potential Contaminants

Contaminants that may be present in your source water include:

**Microbial contaminants** – such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants** – such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides** – which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants** – including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radionuclide contaminants** – which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**Lead** – If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. NAVFAC Hawaii is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Navy Water Requirements

In accordance with Navy policy, we add chlorine and fluoride to your water supply. These items are added to your drinking water after it is pumped from the ground. We try to maintain the Navy's recommended concentration of approximately 0.2 ppm for chlorine and 0.7 ppm for fluoride throughout the distribution system.

### Concerns/Additional Copies

NAVFAC Hawaii does not have routine meetings about the water system. For questions or information, please contact the NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs Office (808-471-7300). Additional copies of this report are available at your housing management office and/or NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs. *Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, schools, and businesses).*

### Owner of Water System

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