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Corps of Engineers confirms presence of legionella bacteria in water system

The Corps of Engineers Galveston District has confirmed that the legionella bacteria has been found in the water system at its Headquarters Building in Galveston, and has taken steps both to inform the work force and take every precaution to ensure the health and safety of Corps employees, which is our primary concern.

On Jan. 12, the Corps of Engineers Galveston District took water samples from the water system as part of an earlier routine testing of the fire suppression system. The results were released to the Corps at noon today as positive for the legionella bacteria.

Shortly thereafter, Corps officials called a meeting to inform the work force and advise them not to drink or use the water until advised that it is safe to do so. Bottled water has been provided to Corps employees since Jan. 12 as a precaution, and the Corps will continue to provide the water, as well as hand sanitizer for cleaning.

The Corps will be coordinating with the City of Galveston and UTMB, and will undertake treatment and follow up testing of the water system. We will inform the work force when the treatment and testing have been completed.