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MEMORANDUM FOR: DNSC-MOHV

SUBJECT: Non – Potable Drinking Water

Please be advised that the water supply connected to restrooms and sinks are connected to water supplies used for fire fighting. In accordance with OSHA and EPA regulations all drinking sources “Sinks” shall be marked “Non- Potable” Water is Unsafe and not to be used for Drinking, Washing, or Cooking.

Please procure an ample supply of bottled water for drinking consumption. Below are the Federal Code of Regulations governing Potable and Non- Potable Water.

**1926.51(a)**

*Potable water.*

**1926.51(a)(1)**

An adequate supply of potable water shall be provided in all places of employment.

**1926.51(a)(2)**

Portable containers used to dispense drinking water shall be capable of being tightly closed, and equipped with a tap. Water shall not be dipped from containers.

**1926.51(a)(3)**

Any container used to distribute drinking water shall be clearly marked as to the nature of its contents and not used for any other purpose.

**1926.51(a)(4)**

The common drinking cup is prohibited.

**1926.51(a)(5)**

Where single service cups (to be used but once) are supplied, both a sanitary container for the unused cups and a receptacle for disposing of the used cups shall be provided.

**1926.51(a)(6)**

*Potable water* means water that meets the standards for drinking purposes of the State or local authority having jurisdiction, or water that meets the quality standards prescribed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 CFR part 141).

**1926.51(b)**

*Nonpotable water.*

**1926.51(b)(1)**

Outlets for nonpotable water, such as water for industrial or firefighting purposes only, shall be identified by signs meeting the requirements of Subpart G of this part, to indicate clearly that the water is unsafe and is not to be used for drinking, washing, or cooking purposes.

1926.51(b)(2)

There shall be no cross-connection, open or potential, between a system furnishing potable water and a system furnishing nonpotable water.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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