Dear ***CG Family***,

The CG has launched the Safe Homes Initiative, a service-wide effort to ensure our housing units are in compliance with all Federal environmental health standards. The Safe Homes Initiative focuses on units co-located near lighthouses and those with a history of lead, asbestos, and radon findings. To be confident in your homes’ safety, we are conducting a rigorous analysis of existing documentation, and in some cases, inspecting homes themselves.

Here’s what this means to you and your family:

1. If the initial analysis concludes that there is no environmental risk in your home, I will let you know. No further action will be necessary.
2. If there is any indication of a potential health risk, we will hire a state-certified contractor to assess your home. If your home is selected for assessment, you will be notified ahead of time so that you can anticipate the inspection. As soon as the Coast Guard receives the assessment results, I will send them to you along with information about any corrective action (if needed) we will take.
3. If the assessment reveals a potential exposure risk:

* We will recommend you notify your primary care managers as a precautionary measure. Federal standards recommend blood lead screening for pregnant women and children under the age of 7 years old. Your physician can advise whether you or your children should receive blood lead screening.
* We will address the exposure risk in your housing unit. In some cases, the corrective action will include updating documentation to ensure we have an accurate record. Some cases can be mitigated quickly and easily. In other cases, your family may need to relocate.

1. If you must be relocated, I will personally call you with the results and next steps. I’ll invite you to a conference call, where I will review your options for moving forward. The CG will do everything in its power to support you and your family throughout the relocation. To ease the burden, you will be eligible for a seven-part entitlement package that covers:

* A fully funded local government move
* Partial DLA, paid up front
* Three months advance BAH, if desired
* Full BAH upon departure from CG Housing
* Access to a government lease
* Access to temporary, government-funded quarters, to gap any time awaiting housing
* Access to a CGMA loan and/or grant (see attached CGMA bulletins for details)

Our goal is to offer you every entitlement and support mechanism possible, including accurate and timely information throughout this process. The Coast Guard will be posting as-they-happen updates on the Coast Guard Housing Program’s website, at <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Safe-Homes-Initiative/>. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time throughout this process, I welcome hearing from you.

Very Respectfully,

***Local Housing Officer or Area Housing Authority***