To All Members of the Campus Community:

Over the past few weeks, a group of professors and students has been collecting and testing water samples from across campus. Their preliminary results indicated that some drinking fountains and sinks contained elevated levels of lead. Out of an abundance of caution, our Facilities Management team immediately turned off the identified sources of drinking water. They will remain shut off until further testing and analysis are completed.

We are grateful for the work of Dr. Jeffery Foran, Dr. Justin Miller-Schulze, Dr. Catherine Ishikawa, and their team of students. Testing will continue, since all sources of drinking water on campus have not yet been sampled. We are currently in the process of contracting with third-party consultants to provide the additional testing and are awaiting guidance from Sacramento County, the California State Water Resources Control Board, and the City of Sacramento.

A safe campus is our highest priority. Groups most sensitive to lead exposure are children under the age of 15, and pregnant and/or nursing women. Such individuals may want to refrain from drinking water from campus drinking fountains, sinks, or bottle-filling stations until further testing is completed.

A physician will be available to answer questions at a Town Hall this Thursday, Jan. 26, from noon to 1 p.m. in the University Union, Redwood Room. We encourage anyone with questions to attend. Student Health and Counseling Services is available to students for physician consultation and blood lead testing as appropriate at no charge. Interested students may make an appointment online or by calling Student Health and Counseling Services at (916) 278-6461. Faculty and staff are encouraged to consult with their health-care provider; if necessary, a blood lead test is available through Student Health and Counseling Services by appointment at no charge.

We appreciate your patience during this time, and I will provide an update as soon as we have more guidance and information available. Bottled water will be offered at Folsom Hall; AIRC, Room 2004; the Student Organizations and Leadership office on the second floor of the Union; Lassen Hall; and The WELL. An FAQ of the most current information available can be found here.

Sincerely,
Stacy Hayano
Interim Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer