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– see the “Notification to Command and Management Actions” section of this report. We received requested responses to a draft report from USCENTCOM, MNF-I, MNC-I, and DCMA regarding each recommendation with comments on corrective actions completed.

**1. We recommend that the Commander, Multinational Force–Iraq:**

**a. Establish a water board made up of each of the major organizations responsible for purification and oversight of water (Defense Contract Management Agency, Army Sustainment Command Logistics Civil Augmentation Program, Multinational Corps - Iraq Preventive Medicine, Veterinary Services, and Field Sanitation Teams’ representatives) to serve as a forum for identifying and resolving problems as they arise and ensure proper oversight is accomplished.**

**b. Provide all in-bound military and civilian personnel written information that discusses the proper use of potable and nonpotable water.**

**MNF-I and MNC-I Comments.** MNF-I and MNC-I concurred with Recommendation 1.a. The MNC/F-I Surgeon stated that a Water Quality Board has been established that meets quarterly and more frequently as needed. The board’s objectives are to:

- assist in the development policies and procedures for water quality operations,
- provide a forum of discussion on current water quality operational issues, and
- evaluate and report the quality of water operation in the Iraq Theater of Operations.

The MNC/F-I Surgeon also stated that the Water Quality Board has met six times from April 2007 through January 2008 and members of the board include:

- MNC-I Force Health Protection Officer (chairperson),
- DCMA Lead Administrative Contracting Officer,
- DCMA Lead Quality Assurance Representative,
- LOGCAP Representative,
- KBR Contractor Representative,
- MNC-I Logistics Representative (C4 supply and Services),
- Task Force Medical Command Representative,
- Joint Contracting Command Iraq Representative, and
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Representative.

MNF-I partially concurred with Recommendation 1.b. stating that “Mayor’s cells” are responsible to brief newcomers on what to do in their deployed environment, including providing information concerning the use of water. Additionally, support contractors are required to post signs at all locations where they provide water that states the water is nonpotable.

**Audit Response.** MNF-I and MNC-I did not delineate its partial concurrence with Recommendation 1.b.; however, because MNF-I commands and controls all operations in Iraq, base Mayor cells included, the MNF-I stated actions meet the intent of the recommendation.