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Legionnaires' disease found in adjacent prisons

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Legionnaires' disease bacteria that killed one inmate and sickened another is more widespread than expected in a California state prison, officials said Wednesday, citing new test results.

Preliminary results found the bacteria in the water supply at a prison medical facility in Stockton and at two neighboring youth correctional facilities, Corrections Department spokeswoman Vicky Waters said.

Officials had thought it was isolated to one housing unit where the two inmates lived. They restricted water use throughout the medical facility and

neighboring juvenile facility, bringing in bottled water. But they put special filters only on showers in the housing unit where the inmates had been housed in the California Health Care Facility, which treats about 2,670 inmates needing medical or mental health care.

The neighboring O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility houses about 150 youths and N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility about 260 youths.

No subsequent illnesses were reported and the source hasn't been found. But officials now are adding the shower filters in other areas and warning against using unfiltered water throughout the three facilities.

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The federal safety inspection program known as the Organization Designation Authorization, has come under renewed attention after the crashes of the two Boeing 737 Max jetliners. TED S. WARREN/AP FILE

Boeing workers on FAA duty raise questions

Suggest conflict of interest after crashes

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The Federal Aviation Administration has for years allowed many aerospace companies to use their own workers in place of FAA inspectors, a system that is coming under scrutiny after two Boeing 737 Max jetliners crashed, killing the crews and passengers.

A total of 79 companies are allowed under federal policies to let engineers or other workers considered qualified report on safety to the FAA on systems

deemed not to be the most critical rather than leaving all inspections to the government agency.

To critics, it's a regulatory blind spot.

"The FAA decided to do safety on the cheap — which is neither safe nor cheap, and put the fox in charge of the henhouse," said Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., in a statement. He has vowed to introduce legislation "so that the FAA is put back in charge of safety."

The safety inspection program operates widely under the name of Organization Designation Authorization. It has come under renewed attention after the crashes of the two jets — Lion Air off Indonesia, an accident that killed 189 in October, and the Ethiopian

Airlines crash last month that claimed 157 passengers and crew.

The list of companies that applied and were approved by the FAA include some of the best known names in aviation, such as private aircraft makers Learjet and Gulfstream and helicopter companies Bell and Sikorsky. Companies choose workers as FAA "designees," allowing them to stay on the payroll while assessing safety for the federal agency, which then reviews their work.

Boeing, like many aviation companies, depended on this system to stay competitive. The airplane maker unveiled the more fuel-efficient Max ver-

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Shasta County reports third case of measles

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Health officials say a third case of measles has been confirmed in Shasta County.

The newest patient is an adult resident who was contagious when he or she went to the movies at Cinemark Redding 14 on April 16.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we encourage anyone who visited Movies 14 between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, to watch for symptoms and notify their health care provider if any are present," the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency said in a Saturday press release.

Officials emphasized there's no danger at the theater now.

"It is important to note that the theater is safe now and the public should not

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Shasta County Public Health Director Terri Fields Hosler, left, and County Health Officer Dr. Karen Ramstrom answer reporters' questions April 11, involving a second person treated for measles in the county.

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