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Source of Alcoy Legionnaire's outbreak located

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The regional government's health department has located the source of the outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease in Alcoy which affected 10 people and left one man dead. A team of technicians has been inspecting the 454 officially-registered refrigeration systems in the town, but the infection has now been traced to tarmac machinery which was used to resurface roads in the areas where the patients were taken ill.

The health department said in a press release on Tuesday that the water used in the machinery was spring water rather than from the mains supply.

The machines have now been disinfected, but more cases could still appear as the incubation period for Legionnaire's Disease can be as much as 20 days. The latest case was reported last Friday, but as of this Monday, only one patient remained in hospital.