

1) ATSDR study:

As a point of clarification, there are two phases to the work ATSDR is doing. The first is a survey phase to gather information that would be used to perform a study of the data. OMB has approved the survey phase. Assuming ATSDR gathers enough information for a statistically valid study, they will have to go back to OMB to get approval to conduct the study.

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a) What is source of funding?

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A: ATSDR is funding the current survey. If the study proceeds, ATSDR will likely request funding for the study from the Navy/Marine Corps.

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b) How much is Navy/USMC funding?

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A: As mentioned above, the Navy/Marine Corps is not funding the current survey. However, we have funded previous studies related to these health issues.

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c) Source of USN/USMC funds -- DERP? IR account?

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A: The funding source for funding the previous studies was the Department of the Navy IR account.

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d) When is ATSDR funding scheduled to cease?

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A: We understand from ATSDR that they will run out of funding for this survey by January. [Need to check on this.]

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e) What efforts, if any, will USN/USMC, make to continue funding?

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A: The Navy/Marine Corps plans on meeting with ATSDR in the next two months to discuss their Annual Plan of Work. Included in this discussion will be the costs associated with the survey. Funding of the follow-on study will depend on the outcome of the survey and a review of the study proposal by Navy/Marine Corps experts.

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f) What impact will funding have on ability to complete study?

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A: The Navy/Marine Corps will work with ATSDR to complete the survey phase of this work. Funding of the follow-on study will depend on the outcome of the survey and a review of the study proposal by Navy/Marine Corps experts.

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g) How far/close to completion can they get based on current funding?

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A: To date, ATSDR has identified approximately half of the participants that they need to perform a statistically valid study. Their ability to progress within current funding depends significantly on the success of our national media campaign.

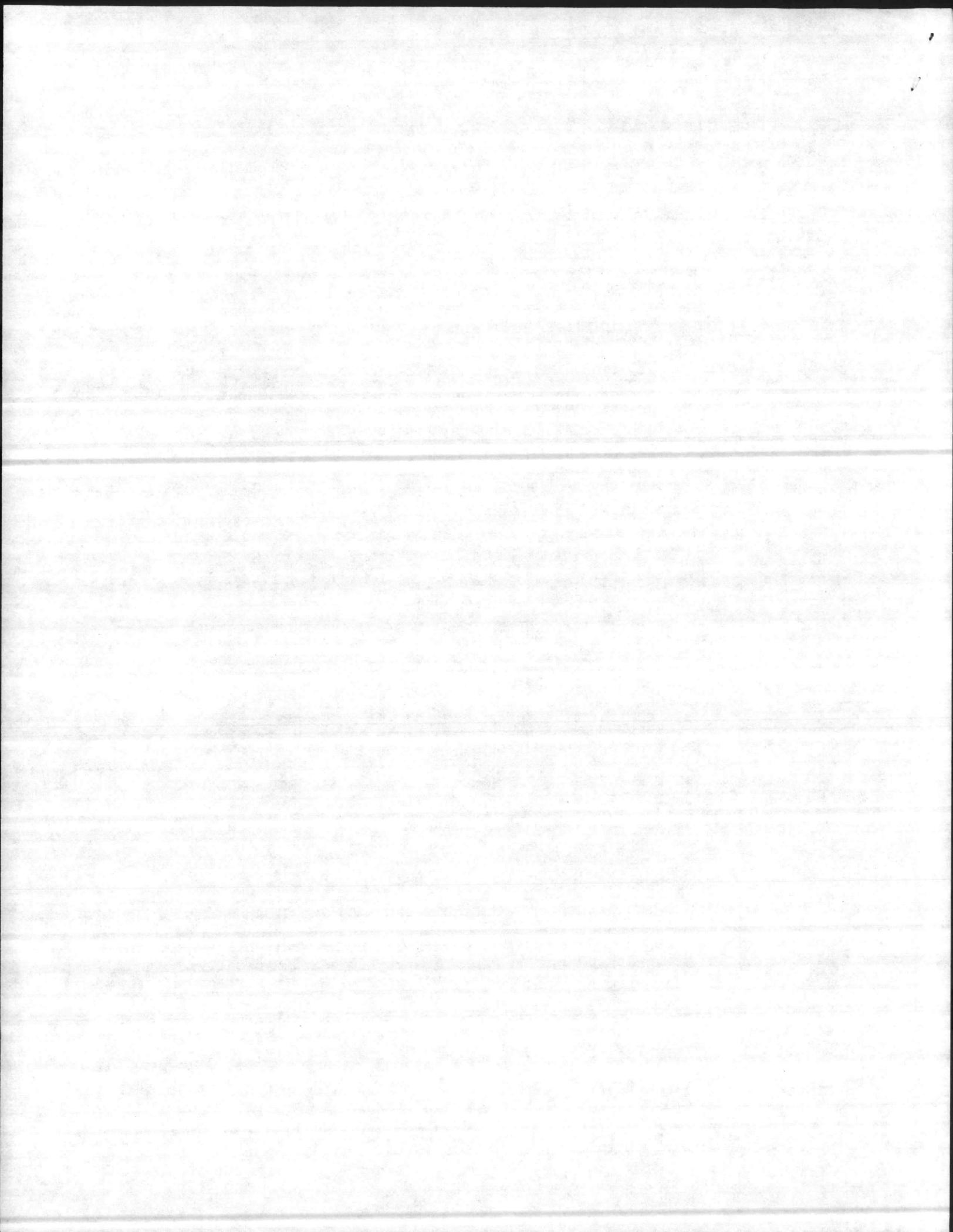
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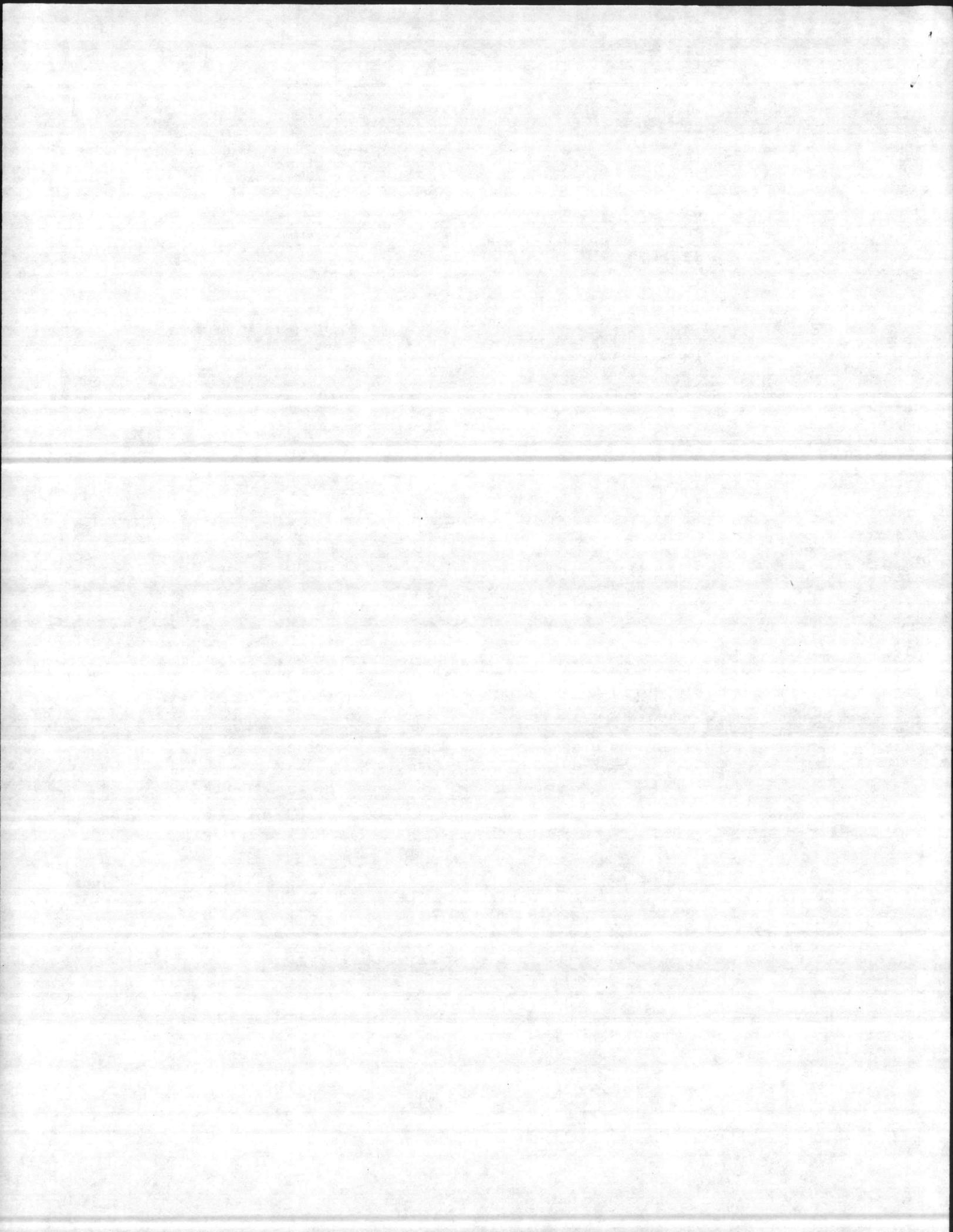
2) What efforts have been taken to date to notify potential subjects of the survey? Please describe.

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A: The Marine Corps provided ATSDR access to hospital and other records at Camp Lejeune. We assisted ATSDR in







- > 6) MAJ Townsend;
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- > a) What was his child's exact cause of death? When? Where?
- > A: [Congenital heart condition. Kelly, please confirm.]
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- > b) Any possible scientific/medical link between child's
- > cause of death and VOCs, etc.?
- > A: [Suggestive evidence, but nothing solid. NEHC to
- > confirm.]
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- > c) If it was a genetic defect of some sort, is it known
- > whether or not there is a history in the Townsend family?
- > A: Unknown. [Need to confirm, but I don't think anyone
- > has asked or wants to ask.]

