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Dear Mr. Rundgren:

The purpose of this letter is to provide follow-up information to telephone calls made to your agency on 25 August 1981 concerning the Camp Lejeune Chemical Landfill and the potable water system at the Rifle Range. Attached are results of laboratory analyses of water samples collected in the vicinity of the landfill and from the Rifle Range potable water system. Also attached is a map showing the locations of the landfill, the Rifle Range and the sample collection points.

Although use of the landfill was discontinued several years ago, concern regarding potential discharges from the landfill arose recently as a result of the implementation of federal and state hazardous waste regulations promulgated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. At that time, this Command requested technical assistance from the Atlantic Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Norfolk, Virginia (LANTNAVFACENGCOM).

Based on the laboratory analyses mentioned above and on-site inspections of the landfill and the Rifle Range water system, LANTNAVFACENGCOM officials have concluded that the Rifle Range drinking water meets current drinking water standards, however, they recommended that careful monitoring continue. The Camp Lejeune Rifle Range water system has been included in a monthly trihalo-methanes monitoring program. Since test well and surface water data from samples near the landfill, especially test well 15 and sample point number 5, indicate significant levels of contamination, this Command made a decision to notify both the general public and appropriate state agencies of this potential problem.

LANTNAVFACENGCOM has advised that Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is scheduled for FY-82 Initial Assessment Study (IAS) in the Navy Assessment and Control of Installation Pollutants (NACIP) Program. The IAS is the first phase in a program to identify, assess and control the contamination of the environment from past hazardous waste disposal operations at Navy and Marine Corps activities.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the Base Maintenance Officer, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, telephone (919) 451-2511.

Sincerely,

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