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Brigadier General Livingston  
Commanding General  
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Dear General Livingston:

I am writing on behalf of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to request your assistance in obtaining information necessary to conduct a health study at the US Marine Corps Base at Camp LeJeune. This study will investigate the potential relationship between exposure to trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene that has been found in the drinking water at MCB Camp LeJeune and adverse pregnancy outcomes. This study was recommended in ATSDR's health assessment for MCB Camp LeJeune, and our plans to conduct this study have been submitted to the Department of Defense. In addition, our protocol has undergone both internal and external peer reviews, and has received human subjects clearance.

In order to conduct this study, we must review housing occupancy records as well as a small sample of hospital records from babies born at the Navy Regional Medical Center for the years 1968-1985. Mr. Neal Paul suggested that we visit MCB Camp LeJeune to brief points of contact on base who might be involved in the health study. Ms. Nancy Sonnenfeld, the principal investigator for this health study and other ATSDR staff are planning a trip to the base sometime in mid or late December. We hope that this will facilitate a smooth transition from the health assessment activities that ATSDR has conducted at MCB Camp LeJeune to the health study activities that we are just starting.

I am requesting a point of contact within the base family housing office and another point of contact within the hospital or Office of Health and Safety who have the authority to provide ATSDR and its research team with access to these records. We understand that confidentiality may be of concern in regards to this record review. As in any research study conducted by ATSDR, our research team is bound to maintain confidentiality of all records under the Privacy Act of 1974.

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We look forward to hearing from you soon, so that we may begin work by the first of next year. If you should have any questions about this request, please feel free to contact Ms. Sonnenfeld or me at (404) 639-6203.

Sincerely yours,

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