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From: Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center
To: Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune,
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Subj: AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY (ATSDR)

Encl: (1) ATSDR Activity Report

1. ATSDR provided us a copy of its First Quarter FY-1995 activity report for Department of the Navy installations. Specific comments for your installation are provided in enclosure (1).
2. We trust the information provided by ATSDR about your activity is useful. If you have any questions or comments, please call Ms. Yvonne P. Walker, CIH, Deputy Director for Environmental Programs, at (804) 444-7575, extension 401.

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ATSDR ACTIVITY REPORT

1. The following information is taken verbatim from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) First Quarter FY-1995 activity report for Department of the Navy installations.

Marine Corps Base - Camp Lejeune

Public Health Assessments and Consultations

Comments were received on the initial release of the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Public Health Assessment. The public comment document was released January 10, 1994. The comment period ends February 20, 1995. Additional information provided during the initial release has changed the conclusion categories for a few sites.

ATSDR representatives are requesting comments to our recommended actions and that those reading the public health assessment complete the readers questionnaire provided with the public health assessment. This questionnaire is designed to improve our communications and to be a tool to evaluate whether issues and findings were presented clearly. If additional data are available on any of the topics discussed in the public health assessment, we ask that it be sent with the comments.

Health Studies

Peer reviewer comments on the protocol of the study to examine 6000 births and fetal deaths among base residents were addressed. Data analysis is scheduled to begin in the second quarter. Rates of adverse pregnancy outcome among women exposed to volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and women who were not exposed to VOCs will be compared. ATSDR has worked with the base as well as the state of North Carolina to establish mechanisms for obtaining the appropriate data. The health study protocol will be sent to the Restoration Advisory Board during the second quarter.

2. If you have any questions the point of contact for the Navy Environmental Health Center is Ms. Yvonne P. Walker, CIH, Deputy Director for Environmental Programs, at (804) 444-7575, extension 401. The point of contact for ATSDR is Ms. Diane Jackson, ATSDR Navy Unit Leader, at (404) 639-6070.

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