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here's the latest on ATSDR and contaminated drinking water...

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Sir,

As requested, the answer to your question on the contaminant levels at Camp Lejeune and the outcome of my meeting with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed Camp Lejeune Health Study is provided for your information.

(1) The levels of contamination in the drinking water well ranged from 80-215 ppb. The maximum contaminant level for this type of solvent contamination (PCE) is 5 ppb. This standard is based on an individual consuming large amounts of contaminated water over a lifetime (30 years minimum). Therefore the likelihood of adverse health effects on an adult is small (even for someone who served three tours of duty there).

The effects of this type of contamination on unborn children is unknown and is why the Agency is so interested in studying Camp Lejeune.

(2) Summary of the meeting with OMB:

SUBJECT: Proposed Camp Lejeune Public Health Study to determine if there is a link between exposure to solvent contaminated drinking water and childhood leukemia

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ATTENDEES: Representatives from OMB, the Navy Environmental Health Center (NEHC), Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), U.S. Army Center for ~~Health Promotion & Preventative Medicine (USACHPPM), and the Agency for Toxic~~ Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

~~PURPOSE: To provide OMB information to assist in approval of the subject study.~~

SUMMARY:

(1) OMB will approve a Public Health Study which will be conducted at MCB Camp Lejeune .

(2) Study will be conducted in 3 phases: (1) information collection, (2) medical record verification, and (3) analysis of data. OMB will review each phase of the study prior to approving the next phase and will coordinate with attendees listed above to ensure concerns/comments are addressed. If initial data does not indicate there is a problem, the study will not progress to the next stage.

(3) ATSDR will be given access to Social Security Numbers, last known addresses and/or current tour of duty for individuals who resided at Camp Lejeune between 1968 and 1986 in order to contact families of children who may have been born during that period.

(4) ATSDR is funding first two phases of the study and will request DON funding assistance for third phase. [DON should not pay for this study as it did not cause the contamination. This issue will be discussed if phase three becomes necessary. At this point, we do not believe that the initial data will show cause to continue the study beyond phase 1.]

NEXT STEPS:

(1) Marine Corps Public Affairs Office will review survey which will be sent to former Lejeune personnel and provide comment by 30 Sep 98.

(2) LFL will coordinate a meeting between the appropriate Privacy Act and ATSDR personnel to determine the best method of obtaining social security numbers and addresses.

(3) Expect OMB to approve study on 30 Sep 98.

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I am available to brief you further at your convenience.

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Very Respectfully,

Kelly Dreyer

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