

CAMP LEJUNE

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Purpose of ATSDR's involvement:

During the next nine months, ATSDR will attempt to locate personnel who lived in Camp Lejune family housing from 1968 - 1985 and who also conceived or had children during that time to determine whether there are any child health issues that need further investigation.

This activity is being initiated because of high levels of chemicals found in certain wells that provided household water until 1985.

The closing of the wells in 1985 precluded any potential exposure concerns for residents of Camp Lejune housing from 1986 to present.

This action is not a formal health study but rather an attempt to locate and survey families about health issues in their children. Information on ATSDR's ability to locate former residents and any further plans for further inquiry will be released by the end of the year.

(A contact number will be provided.)

Who we are:

Our agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, or ATSDR, is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ours is the principal federal public health agency involved with assessing potential health effects related to hazardous substance issues.

ATSDR performs hundreds of health consultations, assessments and studies annually in response to requests by the public, other federal agencies and state and local governments.

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