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Ms.

Mr. Dell Murphy  
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

As required by Federal environmental law, the Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), conducted a Public Health Assessment (PHA) of Marine Corps Base (MCB), Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in 1996. The PHA indicated a potential for health hazards related to past exposure to drinking water contamination. Subsequently, a study was completed to determine if there were adverse pregnancy outcomes related to contamination exposure. The study was inconclusive. As a result, ATSDR is seeking to conduct a new study that will gather scientific data, which may add validity/credibility to similar studies being conducted at other locations.

ATSDR initiated a telephone survey in September 1999 to determine if there is enough of an association between childhood illness and exposure to solvent-contaminated water at MCB, Camp Lejeune to do the additional study. The survey group consists of 16,500 women who either conceived or gave birth at Camp Lejeune between January 1968 and December 1986 and, may have been exposed to solvent-contaminated drinking water. Eighty percent (13,200) of these women must respond in order for a statistically valid study to be conducted. To date, approximately 10,381 women have responded.

Throughout the search for study participants, the Marine Corps has provided assistance to the ATSDR. The Marine Corps has broadened the public affairs campaign via a national press conference on November 1, 2000 and through the use of press releases, briefings, and targeted advertising to assist ATSDR in the effort to locate survey participants. We are requesting Onslow Memorial Hospital's help to find military families who may have been stationed aboard Camp Lejeune during the above mentioned time frame and delivered their babies at Onslow Memorial Hospital. We are requesting a data search of hospital records to come up with the names and social security numbers of military or dependant women who resided on base but gave birth in Onslow Memorial Hospital.

We understand that this request may have some hurdles that need to be overcome due to privacy issues and that your office may have questions. The points of contact for this issue are Rick Raines, environmental engineer, Installation Restoration Branch, Environmental Management Division, Installations and Environment Department, at (910) 451-5068, and

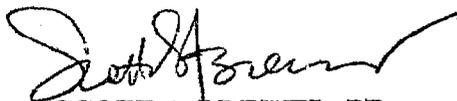
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Capt. Jeremy Jungreis, Associate Environmental Counsel, Camp Lejeune, at (910) 451-9515.

We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Director, Environmental Management Division

By direction of  
the Commanding General