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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request dated
6 June 2001

Dear Mr. Howell:

This letter is in response to your FOIA request for various documents and records pertaining to the contamination of water supplied to MCB Camp Lejeune. There are two NPL sites in Onslow County, NC which have been identified as potential sources of contaminants which may have impacted aquifers which are or have been used to supply drinking water to MCB Camp Lejeune: ABC One Hour Cleaners (EPA ID NCD024644494) and MCB Camp Lejeune (EPA ID NC6170022580).

The Installation Restoration Program (IRP) at MCB Camp Lejeune addresses the CERCLA cleanup program for sources from within the base. The Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (LANTDIV) is the lead agency managing the IRP with assistance from Camp Lejeune, cooperation of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR), and oversight from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IV. As required under CERCLA, LANTDIV maintains a detailed file of records related to the IRP. The IRP maintains a web site with general program information, including an electronic form of the Administrative Record (AR). The AR is regularly updated with new materials as they become available.

The majority of the documents contained within the AR are generally responsive to your request. We encourage you to use this site and its extensive index search capabilities to locate and access documents of interest to you. Please be aware that some documents are quite large and may take

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considerable amount of time to download. We recommend using a high-speed internet connection such as DSL or cable. This site can be found at the following URL:
<http://www.bakerenv.com/camplejeune>. Enter the site and select the "Admin. Record" option to reach the basic search criteria screen.

EPA Region IV is the lead agency for the CERCLA cleanup program for the ABC One Hour Cleaners site. The ABC One Hour Cleaners site has been associated with contaminants found in drinking water supply wells at Camp Lejeune's Tarawa Terrace area, which is located across the street from the cleaners. Inquiries regarding this site should be directed to EPA Region IV. As a starting point, we suggest the following EPA web site that presents a site summary:
<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/npl/nplnc/abc1hrnc.htm>.

In addition to the above general information, each of your four specific requests for documents is listed below along with a discussion and response.

- *Contamination of the water distribution systems in the United States Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Onslow County, North Carolina ("Camp Lejeune") from 1940 - present.*

The Atlantic Division does not maintain water quality testing records for water supply/water distribution system records for MCB Camp Lejeune. If available, this information would be maintained by MCB Camp Lejeune. Thus, we have forwarded your request to MCB Camp Lejeune for a direct response to you.

- *Testing of the water supplied to Camp Lejeune by the U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency from Fort McPherson, Georgia from 1980 - present.*

The Atlantic Division does not possess records responsive to this request.

- *The Navy Assessment and Control of Installation Pollutants (NACIP) study of contamination of the water supplied to Camp Lejeune from 1980 - present.*

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The NACIP program was the precursor to the current IRP; thus, it was not solely a water quality / water contamination study. All records held by the Atlantic Division associated with the NACIP program are contained within the Camp Lejeune Administrative Record (AR) and are available online at the above-mentioned web site. There are two reports in the AR which are specifically responsive to your request:

1. Initial Assessment Study of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (NEESA 13-011) Final Draft Report, 4/1/1983. On the AR basic search criteria field, enter "Initial Assessment Study of Marine Corps Base" to locate the report.
2. Final Site Summary Report, 9/1/1990. In the AR basic search criteria field enter "Final Site Summary" to locate the report.

Please note that since the NACIP program only addressed on-base sources of pollutants, it did not include evaluation of any potential off-base sources (such as the ABC One Hour Cleaners NPL site).

- *Tests, studies, and/or assessments performed by any state or federal agency or private entity from 1980 - present regarding the contamination of water supplied to Camp Lejeune and the effects of such contamination on inhabitants of Camp Lejeune.*

All records held by LANTDIV that are responsive to this request are contained within the Camp Lejeune Administrative Record (AR). The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has performed a Public Health Assessment of MCB Camp Lejeune pursuant to CERCLA. This report discusses public health impacts at MCB Camp Lejeune, and is the one document that is specifically responsive to your request. While it focuses on impacts related to the IRP, it also includes additional detailed discussions on impacts from contamination of the base drinking water from all sources, whether or not they are related to the IRP. This report can be found in the Camp Lejeune AR as follows:

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1. Public Health Assessment, Final Report, 1/1/1997.
In the AR basic search criteria field, enter
"Public Health Assessment, Final Report" to
locate the report.

We encourage you to use the electronic resources to the maximum extent possible since there will be no fees associated with document retrieval from the web site. Should you require additional assistance, please contact the undersigned at (757) 322-4800 or the Atlantic Division FOIA coordinator at (757) 322-8121.

Sincerely,



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