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The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6143

Dear Congressman Dingell:

This responds to your June 7, 2007 request for copies of all the documents listed in the "Vaughn" Index regarding water contamination at Camp Lejeune. These materials are privileged attorney-client communications and attorney work product. However, the Department of Defense General Counsel's Office has directed us to disclose these documents to the Committee despite the privilege. I have attached the requested documents.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Garrett Rensing at (703) 692-1764 or LtCol Michael Tencate at (703) 614-2150.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Hogue
Counsel for the Commandant

Enclosure: Vaughn Index with each identified document attached