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The Honorable Donald C. Winter Secretary of the Navy 1000 Navy Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Winter:

The Committee on Energy and Commerce is investigating issues arising from drinking water contamination at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. As a result of the contamination, Camp Lejeune was placed on the National Priorities List in 1989. As part of our investigation, we are reviewing activities of the U.S. Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, the Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with regard to the water contamination at Camp Lejeune.

The Committee has jurisdiction over the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund), and public health. To aid our investigation of the water contamination at Camp Lejeune and to gain a more complete understanding of the Navy's handling of claims arising from the contamination, please provide a copy of the 1999 memorandum pertaining to the Camp Lejeune contamination and potential liability identified by Captain Howell Dronberger and Commander Anne Fischer in conversations with Committee staff earlier today. Please provide an unredacted copy of this document to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Room 316 Ford House Office Building, as soon as possible, but no later than close of business on Monday, June 11, 2007. The copy may be transmitted electronically to John Arlington, Senior Investigative Counsel for the Committee, at john.arlington@mail.house.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact us or have your staff contact John Arlington at (202) 226-2424 or Joanne Royce at (202) 225-8077.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. DINGELL CHAIRMAN