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Mr. Franklin Hill  
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Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at the hearing entitled "Poisoned Patriots: Contaminated Drinking Water at Camp Lejeune." We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee.

Under the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open to permit Members to submit additional questions to the witnesses. Attached are questions directed to you from certain Members of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your response to the Member who has submitted the questions and include the text of the Member's question along with your response

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, your responses to these questions should be received no later than the close of business **Friday, August 10, 2007**. Your written responses should be delivered to **316 Ford House Office Building** and faxed to **202-225-5288** to the attention of Kyle Chapman, Legislative Clerk. An electronic version of your response should also be sent by e-mail to Mr. Kyle Chapman at **kyle.chapman@mail.house.gov** in a single Word formatted document.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Kyle Chapman with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,  
  
JOHN D. DINGELL  
CHAIRMAN

Attachment

- cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce
  
- The Honorable Bart Stupak, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
  
- The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
  
- The Honorable Gene Green, Member  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation

**The Honorable Gene Green**

1. Mr. Hill, what is the average length of time to clean up a Superfund site?
2. In your testimony, you indicate that Camp Lejeune was placed on the National Priorities List in 1991 and that final remediation is expected to occur in 2014. That would indicate to me that clean up of this site, if completed on time, will have taken 23 years to complete. Why has it taken so long to clean up the contamination in and around Camp Lejeune?
3. Has the clean-up process been prolonged by the joint agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency, the Navy, and the State of North Carolina?