Site No. 75: MCAS Basketball Court Site

Problem: Disposal of drums, possibly containing training agents dissolved in solvents, may contaminate groundwater in the vicinity of the site. Three potable water wells (Pump House Nos. S-TC-1251, 106, and 203) and/or a pond containing water treatment plant filter backwash water may be affected.

Goal: Determine specific location of buried drums and whether groundwater is contaminated and if contamination has migrated toward wells or pond.

Approach: Survey site using geophysical techniques to identify specific location of drums. Install monitoring wells surrounding drums, approximately 100-200 feet from drum locations to identify plume movement and quantify contaminant concentrations. Sample backwash pond and existing wells.

Wells: Install 4 monitoring wells in shallow aquifer.

Samples: Sample each well and backwash pond.

Frequency: Sample twice, separated by at least 3 months.

Analyses: Analyze for RCRA groundwater contamination indicators (GWCI) and benzene.

Site No. 74: Mess Hall Grease Pit Area

Problem: Disposal of drummed wastes including pesticides and PCBs and possibly other wastes may contaminate groundwater near potable water well (Pump House No. 654).

Goal: Determine whether groundwater contamination has occurred and if migration of contaminants toward well has occurred.

Approach: Install three monitoring wells between grease pit/drum burial area and existing well. Install one monitoring well between pest control area and existing well. Sample potable well and verify screened depth.

Wells: Install 4 wells and screen to sample both the upper and lower portions of the unconfined aquifer.

Samples: Sample all five wells.

Frequency: Sample twice, separated by 2-3 months.

Analyses: Analyze for RCRA groundwater contamination indicators (GWCI) and organochlorine pesticides, to include PCBs.

Site No. 76: MCAS Curtis Road Site

Problem: Buried drums, possibly containing training agents, may contaminate groundwater in the vicinity of two potable water wells (Pump House Nos. 106 and 203).

Goal: Determine specific location of buried drums and if groundwater is contaminated and whether migration toward wells has occurred.

Approach: Survey site using geophysical techniques to identify specific location of drums. Install monitoring wells surrounding drums, approximately 100-200 feet from drum locations to identify plume movement and quantify contaminant concentrations. Sample existing wells.

Wells: Install 3 monitoring wells in shallow aquifer.

Samples: Sample each well.

Frequency: Sample twice, separated by at least 3 months.

Analyses: Analyze for RCRA groundwater contamination indicators (GWCI) and benzene.

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SECTION 5. BACKGROUND

5.1 GENERAL. Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Lejeune is on the coastal plain in Onslow County, North Carolina. The facility covers approximately 170 square miles and is bisected by the New River, which flows in a generally southeasterly direction. This system forms a large estuary before entering the Atlantic Ocean.

Eleven miles of Atlantic shoreline form the eastern boundary of Camp Lejeune. The western and northeastern boundaries are U.S. 17 and State Road 24, respectively. Jacksonville, North Carolina, acts as the northern boundary. The complex has a roughly triangular outline.

Development at the Camp Lejeune complex is primarily in five geographical locations under the jurisdiction of the Base Command. They include Camp Geiger, Montford Point, Mainside, Courthouse Bay, and the Rifle Range area. Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River, a helicopter base, is a separate command on the west side of the New River. There are also two Outlying Landing Fields (OLFs) under control of MCAS New River. These are Helicopter Outlying Landing Field (HOLF) Oak Grove, approximately 25 miles to the north, and OLF Camp Davis, 10 miles to the southwest (NAVFACENGCOM, 1975).

North of the base, 2,672 acres have been used for the air station. In the past, training for fixed-wing aircraft was carried out. Presently, only helicopter training occurs here.

North of Camp Lejeune is HOLF Oak Grove. The field is no longer active and is under caretaker status. The property has some camping facilities and occasionally is used for recreation by scouting groups. Infrequent use is also made for ground troop exercises and helicopter landings. HOLF Oak Grove is on 976 acres in eastern Jones County.

Within 15 miles of Camp Lejeune are three large, publicly owned tracts of land--Croatan National Forest, Hofmann Forest, and Camp Davis Forest. Because of the low elevations in the coastal plain, wetlands form significant acreage. These areas, to some extent, have been exploited by agricultural and silvicultural interests. There is a growing concern on a state and national level that these ecosystems, unique to the coastal plain, require a protected status to survive.

For the most part, remaining land use is agricultural. Typical crops are soybeans, small grains, and tobacco.

Productive estuaries along the coast support commercial finfish and shellfish industries. Increased leisure time has boosted tourism and enlarged resort residential areas. This, in turn, has stimulated the regional economy.

According to the most recent master plan (NAVFACENGCOM, 1975), there are two major corridors of developable land in the area. These extend south from New Bern along U.S. 17 and U.S. 58, and from Swansboro northwest to Jacksonville and Richlands along Routes 24 and 258. The principal economic base is MCB Camp Lejeune and associated military activities. More than 46,000 military personnel are stationed at the base, and more than 110,000 people are either employed or are eligible for support (NAVFACENGCOM, 1975).

5.2 HISTORY. Site selection for "The World's Most Complete Amphibious Training Base" was made in the 1940s. Construction of the camp began in 1941 after extensive land acquisition and was named in honor of Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune, USMC (Odell, 1970).

During construction, 9 million board feet of timber were harvested from the reservation. In 1944, a sawmill with a daily capacity of 10,000 board feet was being operated by base maintenance personnel. The sawmill closed in 1954, when lumber needs were filled by contract.

Construction of the base started on Hadnot Point, where the major functions were centered. As the facility grew and developed, Hadnot Point became crowded with maintenance and industrial activities. The problem led to the creation of a master plan that addressed these and other present and potential problems.

During World War II, Camp Lejeune was used as a training area to prepare Marines for combat. This has been a continuing function of the facility during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Toward the end of World War II, the camp was designated as a home base for the Second Marine Division. Since that time, Fleet Marine Force (FMF) units also have been stationed here as tenant commands.

By 1945, construction in the Montford Point, Camp Geiger, and Courthouse Bay areas was complete. Montford Point, originally designated for training of troops, now is used for Marine Corps Service Support Schools. In the 1940s, recent recruits from Parris Island received tactical training at Camp Geiger. This practice has been discontinued, however. Courthouse Bay hosts amphibious training, while Paradise Point is still the site of housing commissioned personnel. Noncommissioned housing is provided in Tarawa Terrace I and II, Midway Park, and other designated areas.

The U.S. Naval Hospital opened in 1943 and has served military personnel during World War II and the Korean War. In addition, the hospital provides medical services for all assigned military personnel and their dependents. It once operated as a 500-bed unit, but has become obsolete, and a new medical center is under construction along Brewster Boulevard (NAVFACENGCOM, 1975).

MCAS New River was set up as a separate command in 1951. At that time, it was called Peterfield Point, but the name was changed to

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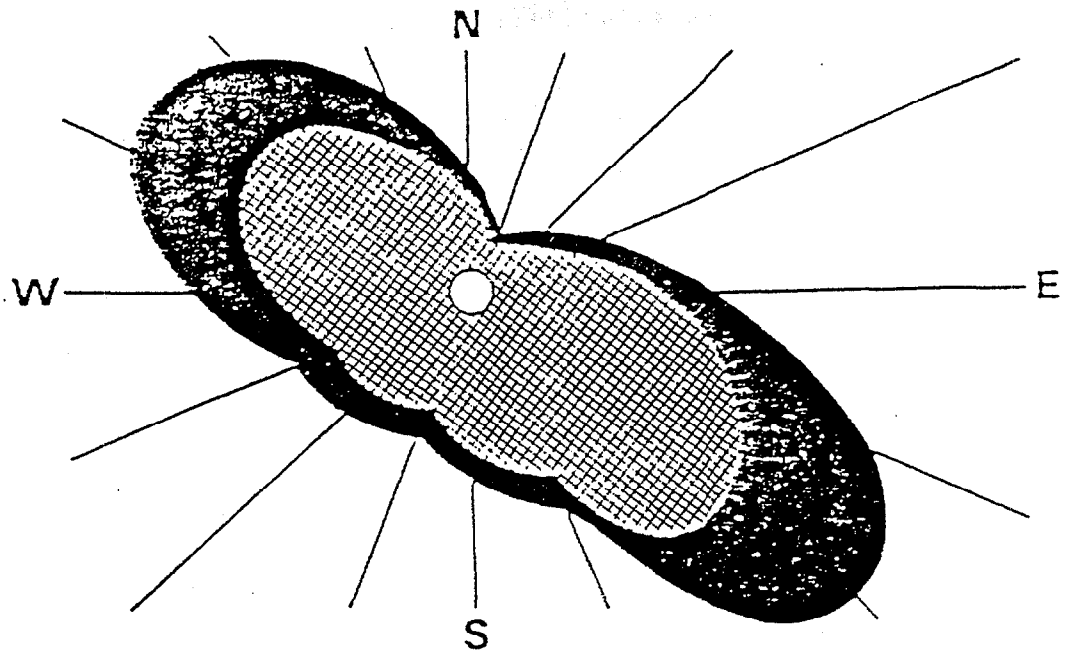

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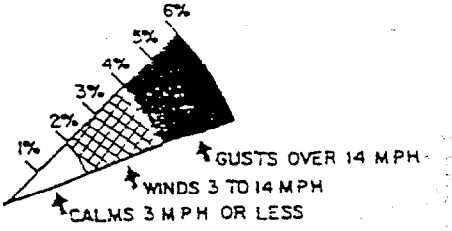

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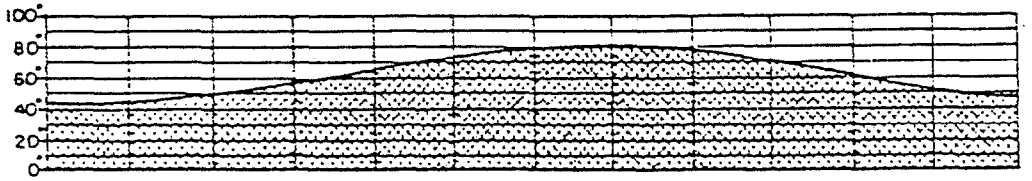

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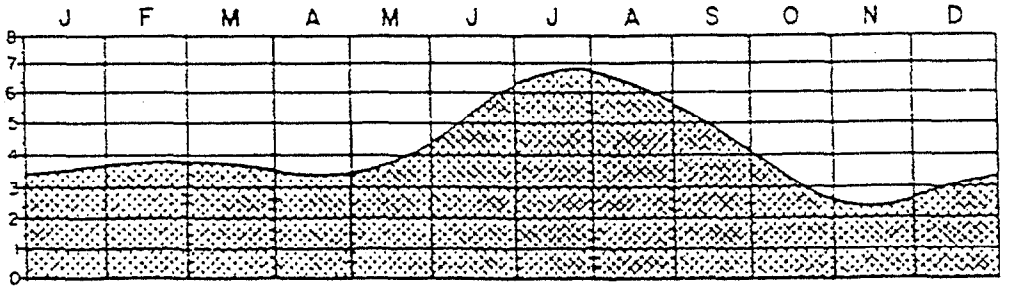

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FIGURE 5–1

Regional Climatic Conditions in the Vicinity of MCB Camp Lejeune

SOURCE: NAVFACENGCOM, 1975

New River in 1968. In 1942, three new runways were added and the station came under the jurisdiction of MCAS Cherry Point. During this time, a PBJ squadron was based here and the facility was also used for glider training (NAVFACENGCOM, 1975). During the Korean War, it was used as a helicopter training base and for touch-and-go training for jet fighters (Natural Resource Management Plan, 1975).

In 1968, Marine Corps Outlying Landing Field (MCOLF) Oak Grove was placed under the jurisdiction of MCAS New River. The field was used as a helicopter base and renamed HOLF Oak Grove. During World War II, the field was under the command of MCAS Cherry Point. At the end of that war, all structures were destroyed with the exception of the runways.

5.3 PHYSICAL FEATURES.

5.3.1 Climatology. The North Carolina coastal plain area in which MCB Camp Lejeune is located is influenced by mild winters. Summers are humid with typically elevated temperatures. Rainfall usually averages more than 50 inches per year. Potential evapotranspiration in the region varies from 34 to 36 inches of rainfall equivalent per year (Narkunas, 1980). Winter and summer are the usual wet seasons. Temperature ranges are reported to be 33°F to 53°F during January and 71°F to 88°F in July (Odell, 1970).

Winds during the warm seasons are generally south-southwesterly while north-northwest winds predominate in winter. There is a relatively long growing season of 230 days. A summary of regional climatic conditions is shown in Figure 5-1.

5.3.2 Topography and Surface Drainage. The generally flat topography of the Camp Lejeune complex is typical of the seaward portions of the North Carolina coastal plain. Elevations on the base vary from sea level to 72 feet above msl; however, the elevation of most of Camp Lejeune is between 20 and 40 feet above msl. The coast is guarded by a 200- to 500-foot-wide barrier island complex. Elevations of the dune field on the barrier islands range from 10 to 40 feet above msl. Drainage at Camp Lejeune is predominately toward the New River, although areas near the coast drain directly toward the Atlantic Ocean through the Intracoastal Waterway. In developed areas, natural drainage has been changed by drainage ditches, storm sewers, and extensive concrete and asphalt areas. Drainage sub-basins for Hadnot Point area and MCAS New River are shown in Figures 5-2 and 5-3, respectively. Most sites evaluated in this study are in these two areas.

Approximately 70 percent of Camp Lejeune is in the broad, flat interstream areas (Atlantic Division, Bureau of Yards and Docks, 1965). Drainage here is poor, and the soils are often wet.

Flooding is a potential problem for base areas within the 100-year floodplain. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has mapped the limits of 100-year floodplain at Camp Lejeune at 7.0 feet above msl in the upper reaches of the New River (Natural Resource Management Plan,

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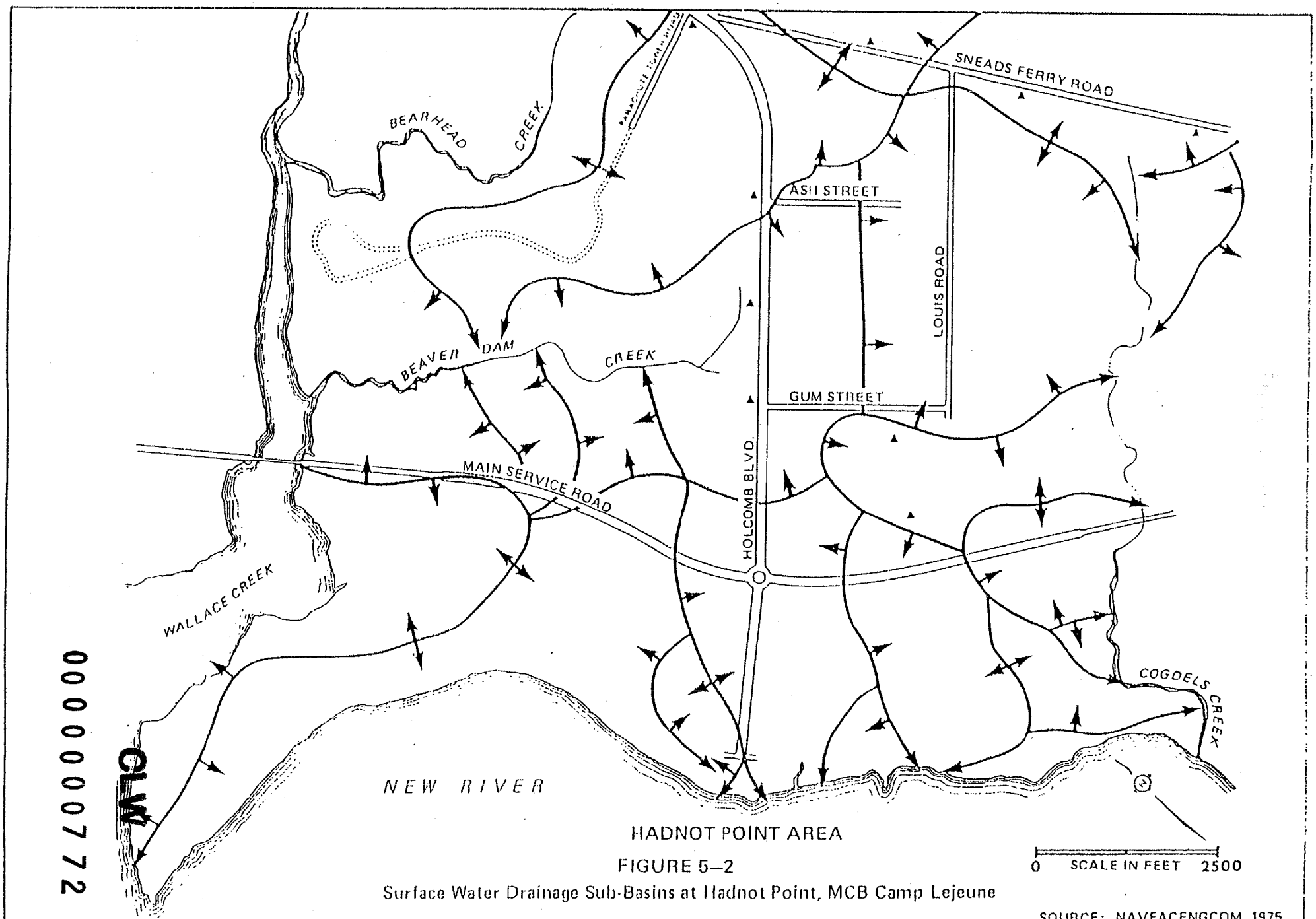

FIGURE 5–2

Surface Water Drainage Sub-Basins at Hadnot Point, MCB Camp Lejeune

SOURCE: NAVFACENGCOM, 1975

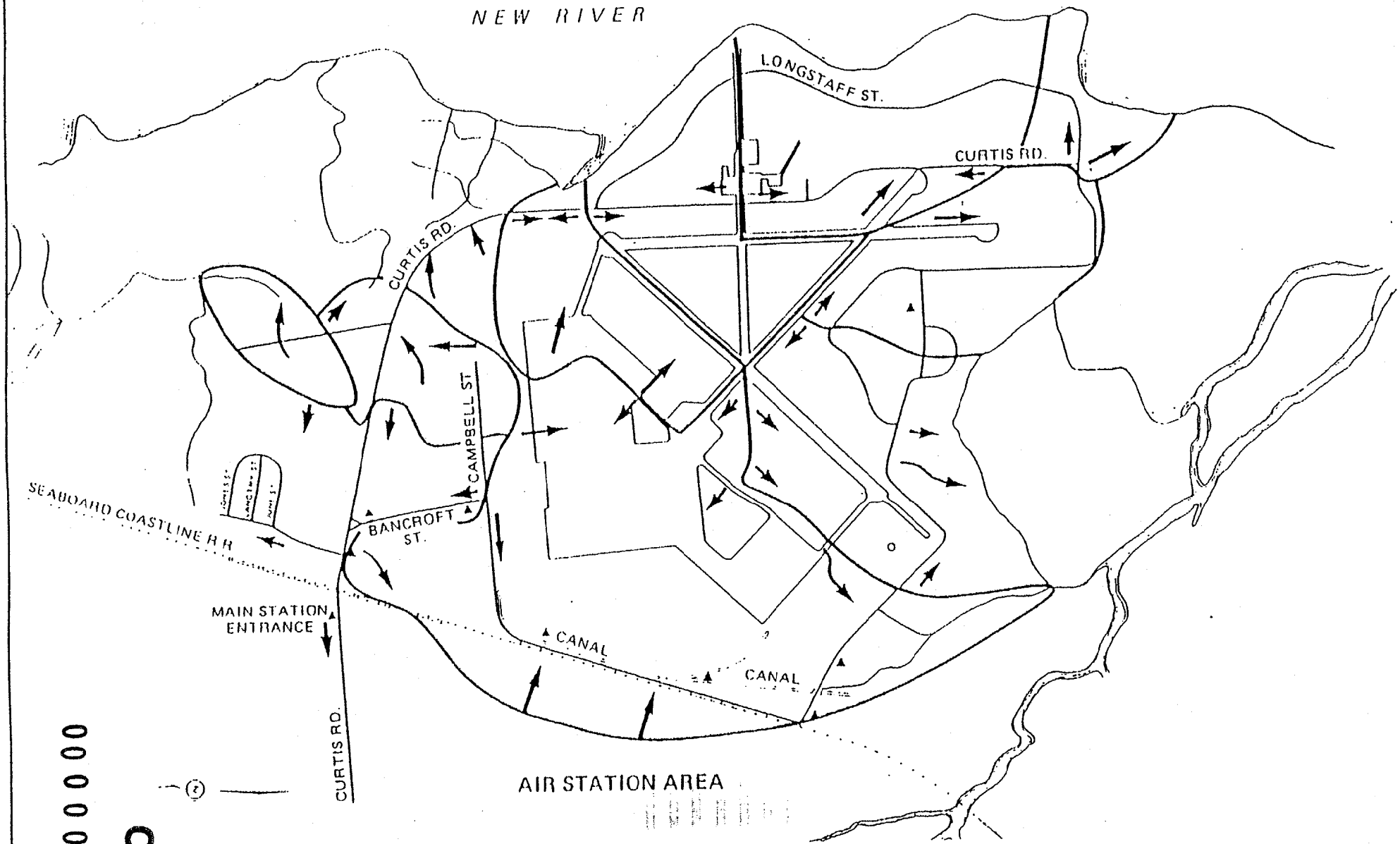

FIGURE 5–3
Surface Water Drainage Sub-Basin at MCAS New River, MCB Camp Lejeune

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1975). The elevation of the 100-year floodplain increases downstream and is 11.0 feet above msl on the open coast.

5.3.3 Geology. The geology of the Atlantic Coastal Plain physiographic province is typically a seaward-thickening wedge of sediments (Figures 5-4 and 5-5) on a basement complex of igneous and metamorphic rock similar to that at the surface in the Piedmont physiographic province. Sediments of the coastal plain vary in age from Cretaceous to Recent and consist of layers of sand, silt, clay, marl, limestone, and dolostone.

A mantle of Pleistocene and Recent sands and clays commonly covers the older sediments of the area. Beneath this mantle is a belted subcrop pattern with Cretaceous sediments nearest the surface in the west and progressively younger sediments nearest land surface toward the coast (Figure 5-6).

Although the sedimentary sequence is approximately 1,400 to 1,700 feet thick beneath MCB Camp Lejeune, only the uppermost 300 feet are pertinent to the purpose of this report because these strata contain the important water-bearing rocks at MCB Camp Lejeune.

The Eocene Castle Hayne Limestone consists of shell limestone, marl, calcareous sand, and clay. In Onslow County, the Castle Hayne varies in thickness from approximately 100 feet to more than 200 feet. Rocks of Oligocene age unconformably overlie the Castle Hayne. These sediments consist of fossiliferous limestone, calcareous sand, and clay and are equivalent to the Trent Formation according to recent correlation charts (Baum et al., 1979). In the subsurface of Onslow County, rocks of Oligocene age vary from approximately 40 feet to more than 200 feet thick (Brown et al., 1972).

The Yorktown Formation overlies the Oligocene and outcrops in a band east and south of Jacksonville. This unit consists of lenses of sand, clay, marl, and limestone. The Yorktown Formation has long been considered Late Miocene, but the latest correlation charts (Baum et al., 1979) date it in the Pliocene.

Pleistocene and Recent sands and clays mantle the older stratigraphic units in most of the study area and form the most seaward band of sediments. These sediments were deposited in Pleistocene and Recent time, when the retreat of continental glaciers raised sea levels.

5.3.4 Hydrology.

5.3.4.1 Surface Water. The dominant surface water feature at MCB Camp Lejeune is the New River. It receives drainage from most of the base. The New River is short, with a course of approximately 50 miles on the central coastal plain of North Carolina. Over most of its course, the New River is confined to a relatively narrow channel entrenched in the Eocene and Oligocene limestones. South of Jacksonville, the river widens dramatically as it flows across less resistant sands, clays, and marls

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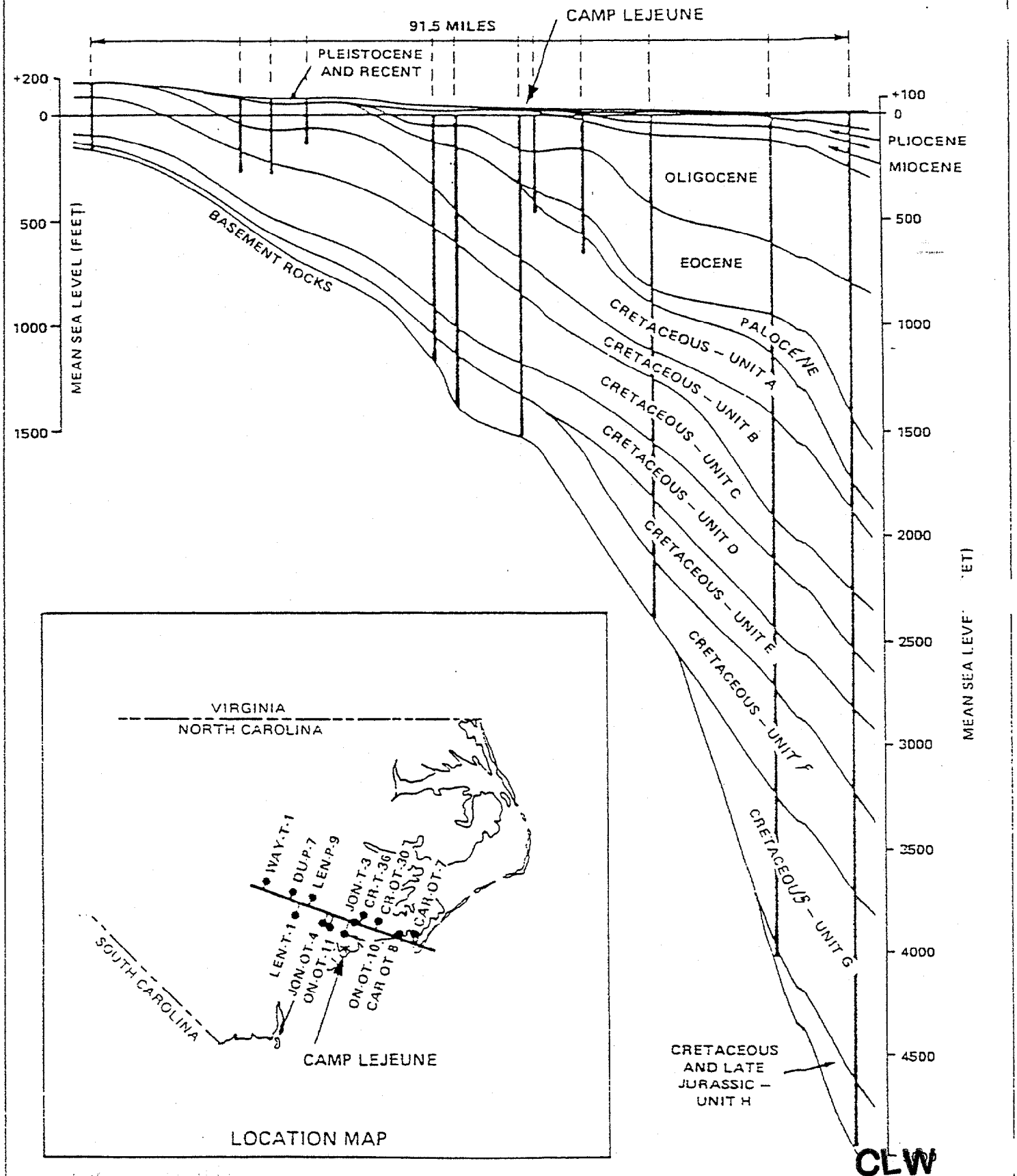
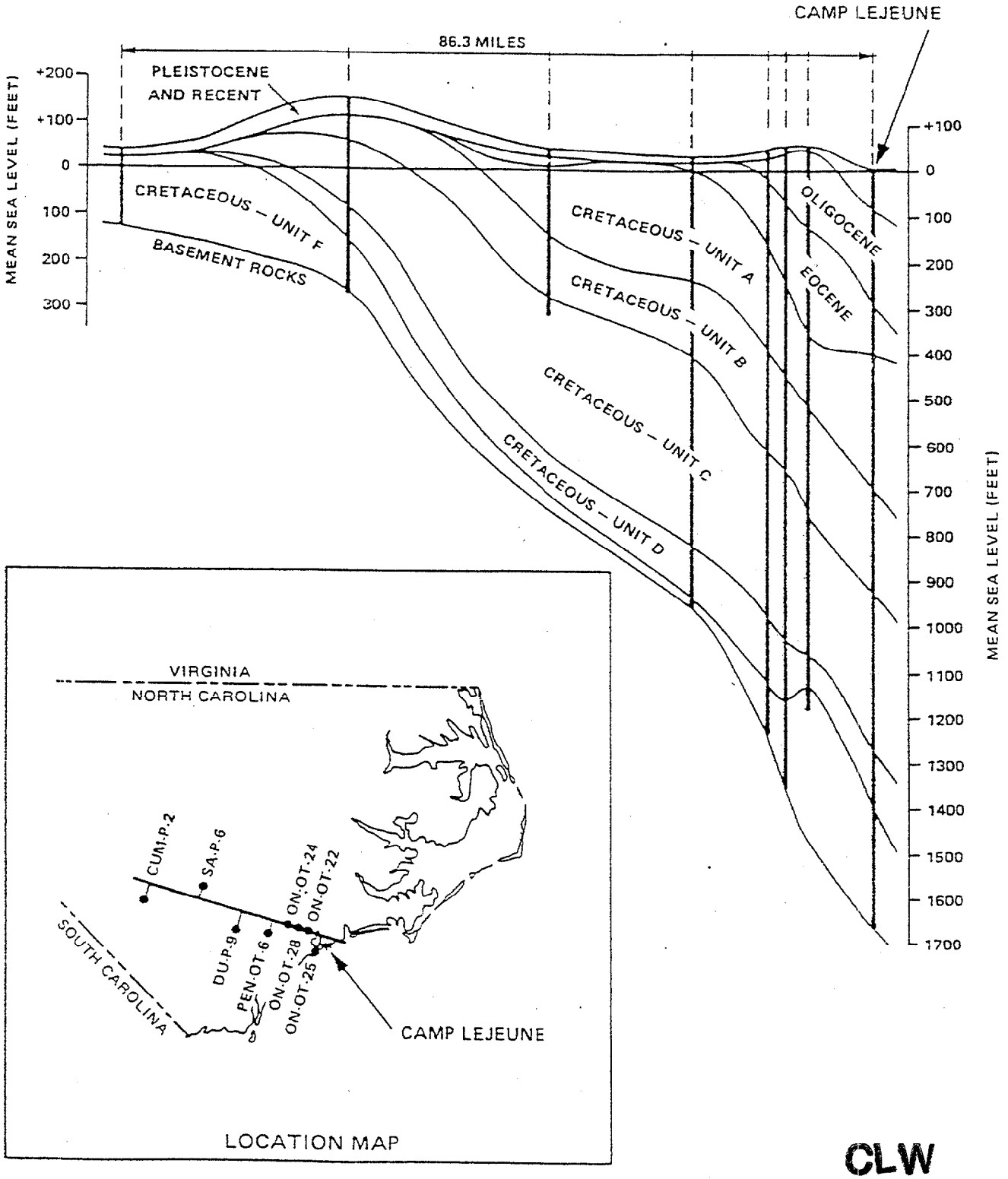


FIGURE 5–4

Geologic Cross Section From Wayne County, N.C. to Carteret County, N.C.

SOURCE: BROWN, ET AL., 1972



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Geologic Cross Section From Cumberland County, N.C. to Onslow County, N.C.

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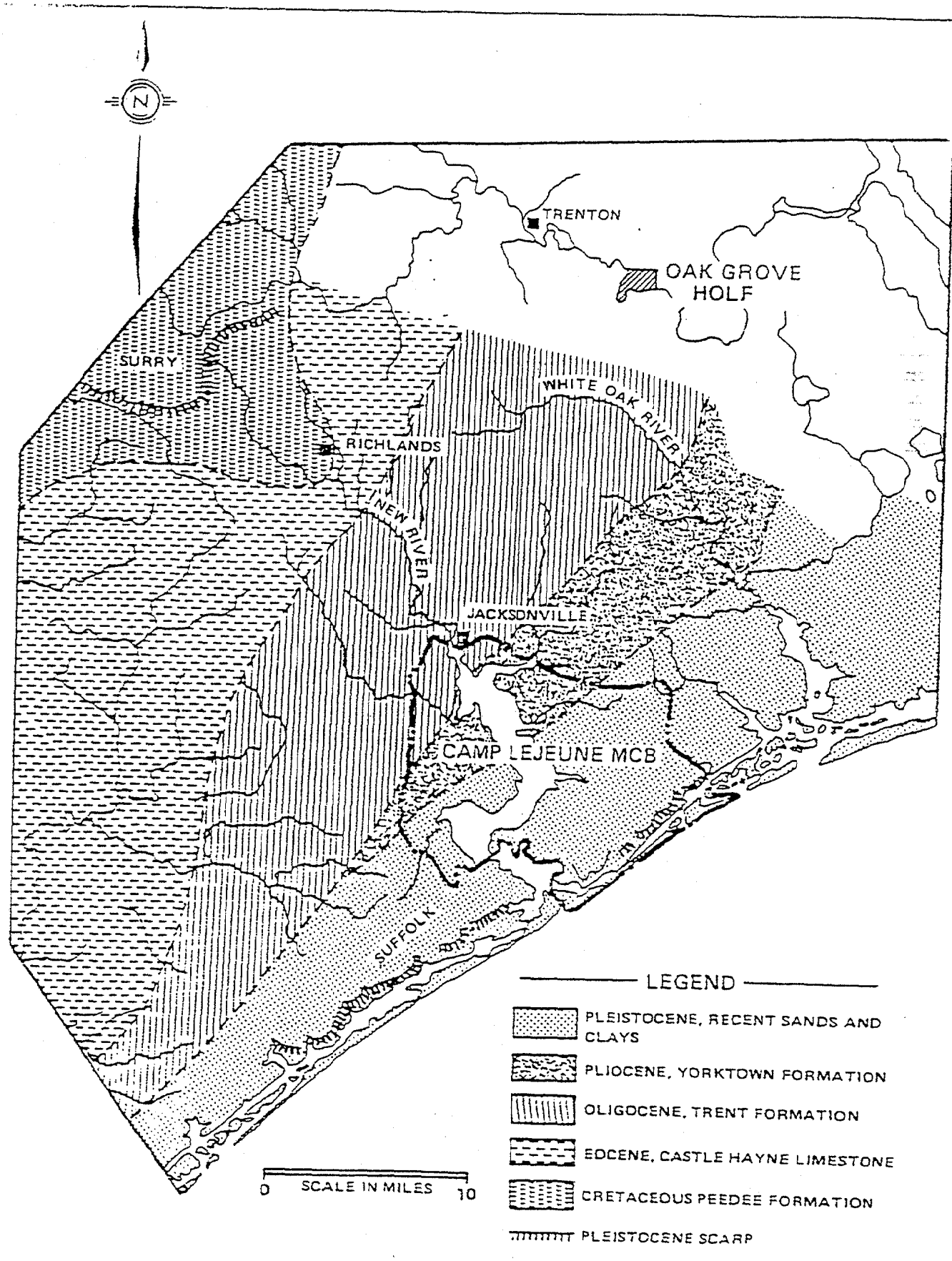

FIGURE 5–6

New River Area Geology

SOURCE: AFTER BURNETTE, 1967

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(Burnette, 1977). At MCB Camp Lejeune, the New River flows in a southerly direction and empties into the Atlantic Ocean through the New River Inlet. Several small coastal creeks drain the area of MCB Camp Lejeune that is not drained by the New River and its tributaries. These creeks flow into the Intracoastal Waterway, which is connected to the Atlantic Ocean by Bear Inlet, Brown's Inlet, and the New River Inlet.

Wilder et al. (1978) state the standard streamflow measurements employed by the U.S. Geological Survey are not applicable in low-gradient, tidal conditions. This is probably why streamflow in the New River below Jacksonville has not been determined. The tides at New River Inlet have a normal range of 3.0 feet and a spring range of 3.6 feet (U.S. Department of Commerce, 1979). The tidal range diminishes upstream to approximately 1 foot at Jacksonville (Howard, 1982). The flood tidal prism entering the New River Inlet in one tidal cycle was determined to be approximately 2.35×10^5 ft^3 (Burnette, 1977).

The average annual runoff of the MCB Camp Lejeune area has not been determined; however, Craven and Carteret Counties, to the northeast, have an average annual runoff of approximately 18 inches. The groundwater contribution to runoff in the same area northeast of MCB Camp Lejeune is estimated as 65 percent of total runoff (Wilder et al., 1978).

The water in the New River at MCB Camp Lejeune is brackish, shallow, and warm. Salinity is largely a function of distance from the ocean and rainfall. At Jacksonville, the New River may reach salinities of 10 parts per thousand (ppt) during extended periods of low rainfall. However, near the New River Inlet, salinity in the river is usually equivalent to that of sea water (35 ppt). Salinities near the inlet become significantly lower only during heavy rains (Burnette, 1977).

Water quality criteria for surface waters in North Carolina have been published under Title 15 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. The New River at MCB Camp Lejeune falls into two classifications (Figure 5-7). Classification SC applies to three areas of the New River at MCB Camp Lejeune. The best usage of Class SC waters is "fishing, secondary recreation, and any other usage except primary recreation or shellfishing for market purposes." The rest of the New River at MCB Camp Lejeune is Class SA, the highest estuarine classification. The best usage of Class SA waters is "shellfishing for market purposes and any other usage specified by the SB or SC classification."

5.3.4.2 Groundwater. The uppermost 300 feet of sediments at MCB Camp Lejeune is the source of fresh water for the base. Brackish water is usually found deeper than 300 feet below msl (Shiver, 1982). In general, the aquifer system consists of a water table aquifer and one or more semi-confined aquifers. Confining beds lie between the two aquifer systems and between the layers of the semi-confined aquifers. Variations in the local hydrogeology result from the complex depositional history of the area.

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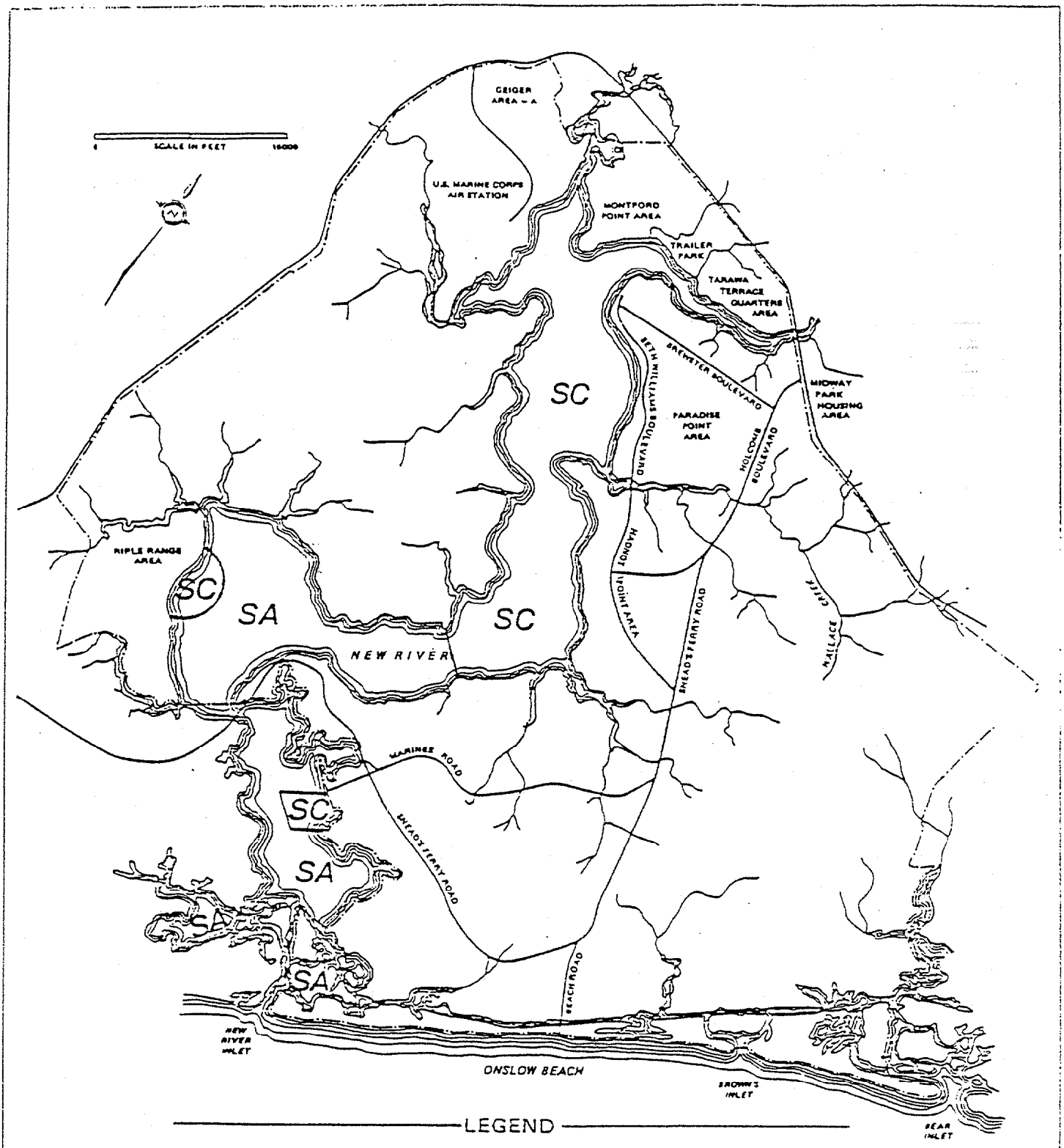

FIGURE 5–7
Water Quality Classifications for the New River at MCB Camp Lejeune

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SOURCE: NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, 1977

The uppermost hydrogeologic unit, the water table aquifer, extends from land surface to the first confining bed. This aquifer consists of sand, silt, limestone, and small amounts of clay. These sediments are usually Pliocene and younger.

The water table aquifer is recharged when rainfall seeps into the ground and percolates into the zone of saturation. Depth to the zone of saturation is 10 feet or less at MCB Camp Lejeune (Atlantic Division, Bureau of Yards and Docks, 1965). Groundwater in the water table aquifer generally flows from upland areas toward stream valleys where it discharges to surface water. In interstream areas, some groundwater will flow from the water table aquifer to the first semiconfined aquifer as recharge, given favorable hydraulic gradient and geology. Recharge of the semiconfined aquifer may be expressed using Darcy's Law (Freeze and Cherry, 1979) as:

$$Q = \frac{h_1 - h_2}{m} \; k \; A$$

where: Q = Quantity of recharge per unit time,
h_1 = Hydraulic head in the water table aquifer,
h_2 = Hydraulic head in the semiconfined aquifer,
m = Thickness of the confining bed,
k = Hydraulic conductivity of the confining bed, and
A = Area for which recharge is calculated.

From this, it may be seen that groundwater will flow from the upper aquifer to the lower aquifer only if the hydraulic head in the water table aquifer is greater than the hydraulic head in the semiconfined aquifer. The thickness and lower hydraulic conductivity of the confining bed retard the flow of water between the two aquifers.

The semiconfined aquifer is composed of limestone and calcarous sands of the Eocene Castle Hayne Limestone, the Oligocene Trent Formation, and in some places, sand and limestone of the Pliocene Yorktown Formation. Regional groundwater flow in the semiconfined aquifer is toward the southeast. The regional flow is altered locally by pumping wells that penetrate this aquifer.

Narkunas (1980) reported that transmissivity of the limestone aquifer in the central coastal plain of North Carolina varied from 6,100 feet^2/day to 12,100 feet^2/day. Storage varied from 2.6×10^{-3} to 7.4×10^{-5}. Specific capacity of wells at MCB Camp Lejeune was reported as 5 to 10 gallons per minute per foot of drawdown (gpm/ft) in 1960 (LeGrand, 1960). Recent data indicate that the specific capacity of the wells tapping the semiconfined aquifer at MCB Camp Lejeune varies from less than 3 gpm/ft to approximately 20 gpm/ft.

The confining units, where present, consist of clay, sandy clay, silty clay, and occasionally dense limestone. These units occur as discontinuous lenses and may be present at any depth. A comparison of the logs for Well Nos. HP-613 and HP-616 (Appendix C) shows a reduction

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in the thickness of the confining bed from 27 feet to 6 feet in less than 2,000 feet. Many of the well logs for the base indicate that the confining units are either thin or absent. Wells in these areas withdraw at least some water from the water table aquifer.

5.3.4.3 Migration Potential. Pollutant migration potential is a function of both water movement potential and chemical and/or physical interactions of specific contaminants with specific environments. Regarding the latter, various contaminants can move greater or lesser distances depending upon such factors as: chemical reactions between contaminants and soils or strata; physical trapping of contaminants in strata voids; stratification caused by differences between contaminant densities and surface water or groundwater densities; and, solubility characteristics of specific contaminants among other factors.

Because these factors are site-specific, they cannot be discussed in detail in this background section. However, general characteristics of possible water movement and its effect on contaminant transport are discussed.

There are three potential migration pathways at MCB Camp Lejeune. In the first case, contaminants may be carried off-base by surface water drainage to the New River and its tributaries. The other two pathways are in groundwater. Contaminants entering the water table aquifer may then migrate to surface water, or they may migrate down into the semiconfined aquifer.

Surface water drainage is most rapid in the developed areas of the base where natural drainage has been modifed by ditches, storm sewers, and extensive areas of asphalt and concrete. Contaminants are most likely to be transported directly to surface drainage during periods of heavy rainfall. At other times, transport is likely to be to and through groundwater, except in areas adjacent to surface streams.

The water table aquifer is highly susceptible to contamination because it is composed predominantly of permeable materials at the earth surface. If a site is near a surface water feature, contaminants in the water table aquifer can be expected to move horizontally and toward the zone of discharge at the groundwater/surface water interface.

In the interstream areas (i.e., relatively distant from surface drainage), the horizontal component of flow will still tend to follow the topography, but under some circumstances a vertical flow may develop from the water table aquifer to the semiconfined limestone aquifer. These conditions depend on: (1) a hydraulic gradient from the water table aquifer toward the semiconfined aquifer, and (2) on the thickness and hydraulic conductivity of confining units. These factors are not well known at MCB Camp Lejeune. What is known is that conditions vary with locations.

In some areas, contamination of lower aquifers is very unlikely. For example, at Georgetown, near the Camp Geiger area, the hydrogeology tends to prevent migration of water from the water table

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aquifer to the deeper aquifer (Division of Environmental Management, 1979). This is because the confining zone is approximately 50 feet thick and the hydraulic gradient is from the limestone aquifer toward the water table aquifer. These same conditions may be present in parts, but not all, of MCB Camp Lejeune.

Variability of the confining units decreases assurance of protection of the semiconfined limestone aquifer. Furthermore, although the hydraulic gradient between the water table and semiconfined aquifers is unknown at MCB Camp Lejeune, large-scale withdrawals of groundwater necessary to supply the base with water may have produced an overall decline of pressure in the semiconfined aquifer. This would tend to increase the potential for contaminant movement to the deeper aquifer.

Another possible factor affecting groundwater quality at MCB Camp Lejeune is the condition of abandoned wells. If a well is not properly sealed when abandoned, it may become a pathway for contaminants. Conversations with personnel at base maintenance and the water treatment plant have indicated that there is no inventory of abandoned wells nor are closure details available.

5.4 BIOLOGICAL FEATURES. The three forest areas surrounding Camp Lejeune--Croatan, Hofmann, and Camp Davis--provide extensive wildlife habitat. Animal life includes deer, black bear, turkey, squirrel, quail, rabbits, raccoons, muskrat, mink, and otter. The creeks, bays, swamps, marshes, and pocosins provide habitat for many types of birds, including egrets, fly catchers, woodpeckers, hawks, woodcocks, owls, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and osprey. Reptiles include alligators, turtles, and snakes. Several species of the latter group are venemous. Freshwater fish in the streams and lakes of the forests include largemouth bass, redbreast sunfish, bluegill, chain pickerel, warmouth, yellow perch, and catfish. Trees found in the forests include loblolly, pond, longleaf, and shortleaf pines; sweet gum, tupelo gum, yellow-poplar, oak, red maple, sweet bay, and loblolly bay. In the pocosin wetlands, there is generally a shrub understory of evergreen and deciduous species. Several unusual plant species also can be found, including pitcher plants, sundews, and Venus flytraps (Richardson, 1981; Yong, 1982; Wilson, 1982).

The Camp Lejeune complex is predominantly tree covered, with large amounts of softwood (shortleaf, longleaf, pond, and primarily loblolly pines) and substantial stands of hardwood species. Timber-producing areas are under even-aged management with the exception of those along major streams and in swamps. These areas are managed to provide both wildlife habitat and erosion control. Smaller areas are managed for the benefit of endangered or threatened wildlife species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker.

Of Camp Lejeune's 112,000 acres, more than 60,000 are under forestry management. At the forests' borders are several species of shrubs, vines, and herbs. Acidic soils host carnivorous plants, including pitcher plants, sundews, and Venus flytraps. Forest manageme

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provides wood production, increased wildlife populations, enhancement of natural beauty, soil protection, prevention of stream pollution, and protection of endangered wildlife species (Natural Resource Management Plan, 1975).

Wildlife management at Camp Lejeune is based on guidelines in the United States Forest Service Wildlife Management Handbook. Upland game species (including deer, black bear, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, quail, turkey, and waterfowl) are abundant and are considered in the wildlife management program. There is an attempt to coordinate forest and wildlife management. Wildlife management is accomplished in part by providing a variety of habitats, including forests, perennial grass clearings, small-game strips, wildlife food plots, planted forest access roads, and plantings of shrub and fruit trees which produce edible seeds and fruits. Figure 5-8 presents the locations of wildlife food plots, fish ponds, wildlife openings, and small-game plots within the 14 wildlife units of the complex (Natural Resource Management Plan, 1975; NAVFACENGCOM, 1975).

Ecosystems discussed in this report will be broken into terrestrial (or upland), wetland, and aquatic communities.

5.4.1 Terrestrial Ecosystems. Camp Lejeune contains four upland habitat types (Natural Resource Management Plan, 1975). These are:

1. Longleaf pine,
2. Loblolly pine,
3. Loblolly pine/hardwood, and
4. Oak/hickory.

5.4.1.1 Longleaf Pine. Longleaf is the principal pine species and occurs on higher upland sites. Turkey, blackjack, post, and willow oaks, along with red bay, holly, and black gum, are the associated species. Gallberry, yaupon, low-bush huckleberry, titi, and chinquapin are also common in the understory. Herbaceous species include teaberry, ferns, and sawgrass. Quail and fox squirrel are common in this habitat and wild turkey find this forest type quite conducive for nesting and brooding range.

5.4.1.2 Loblolly Pine. Loblolly pine is the main timber stand of the area and many now grow on old farm homesteads. Persimmon, black cherry, red cedar, holly, dogwood, and scrub oak are common, while huckleberry, chinquapin, gallberry, beauty-berry, and wax myrtle make up the understory. Weeds and herbaceous plants include pokeweed, ragweed, smartweed, beggarweed, and partridge pea. Deer, turkey, gray squirrel, and quail are common in this forest type, especially if clearings are provided or prescribed burning is done to improve food and cover for the above species.

5.4.1.3 Loblolly Pine/Hardwood. This mixed forest occurs above the hardwoods and just below the pure stands of loblolly pine. Sweet gum, black cherry, red cedar, holly, sweet bay, and dogwood trees are common, while high bush huckleberry, gallberry, and wax myrtle comprise the

understory. Weeds and herbaceous plants include panic grass, broomsedge, pokeweed, partridge pea, and beggarweed. Gray squirrel, deer, and other small mammals are common here. The habitat is also conducive to wild turkey.

5.4.1.4 Oak/Hickory. This association is frequently found along streams and creeks below the loblolly/hardwood stands and above the bottomland hardwoods. White oak and southern red oak are the principal species. Black, post, chestnut, scrub oak; yellow poplar, sweet gum, black gum, persimmon, black cherry, maple, and dogwood also are common. Blueberry, chinquapin, and beauty-berry make up the understory. Herbaceous plants include ferns, teaberry, paspalums, and sedges. Wildlife frequently observed in this habitat include gray squirrel, wild turkey, deer, and wood duck. Black bears are also found here.

5.4.2 Wetland Ecosystems. Wetlands found in the coastal plain vary from those bordering freshwater streams and ponds to salt marshes along coastal estuaries. The most unusual wetland system is the pocosin, which has been referred to as a shrub bog by Christensen (1979). The term pocosin originates from an Algonquin Indian name meaning "swamp on a hill." Pocosins initially develop as wetlands formed in basins or depressions. The wetlands expand beyond the physical boundaries of the depression as the peat retains water. Eventually, the wetland expands above the groundwater, with peat acting as a reservoir, holding water by capillarity above the level of the main groundwater mass (Moore and Bellamy, 1974).

According to Richardson (1981), these evergreen shrub bogs comprise more than 50 percent of North Carolina's freshwater wetlands. Typically, these systems cover thousands of acres, are isolated from other water bodies, and periodically are subject to fire. Much of the pocosin habitat in North Carolina is gradually being lost to timber cutting or drainage with subsequent agricultural development. In 1962, for example, pocosins covered more than 2.2 million acres, but by 1979, only 695,000 acres remained undisturbed. Destruction of pocosins has resulted in changes of hydrologic regime, and nutrient export to other aquatic systems (Richardson, 1981).

A shrub understory with scattered emergent trees dominates pocosin vegetation. The most common species is pond pine. Other species include Atlantic white cedar, loblolly and longleaf pine, red maple, sweet bay, and loblolly bay (Christensen et al., 1981.)

The characteristics of pocosin fauna are less well understood than those of the plant community. Wilbur (1981) notes that pocosins serve wildlife species two ways: They are habitat for endemic species, but also are refuge for those species which once ranged widely, but now are confined because of habitat destruction. Endemics include two vertebrates, the pine barrens treefrog and the spotted turtle. Various small mammals and reptiles also are endemic to the pocosins. Such species as white-tailed deer and black bear also find refuge in the pocosins.

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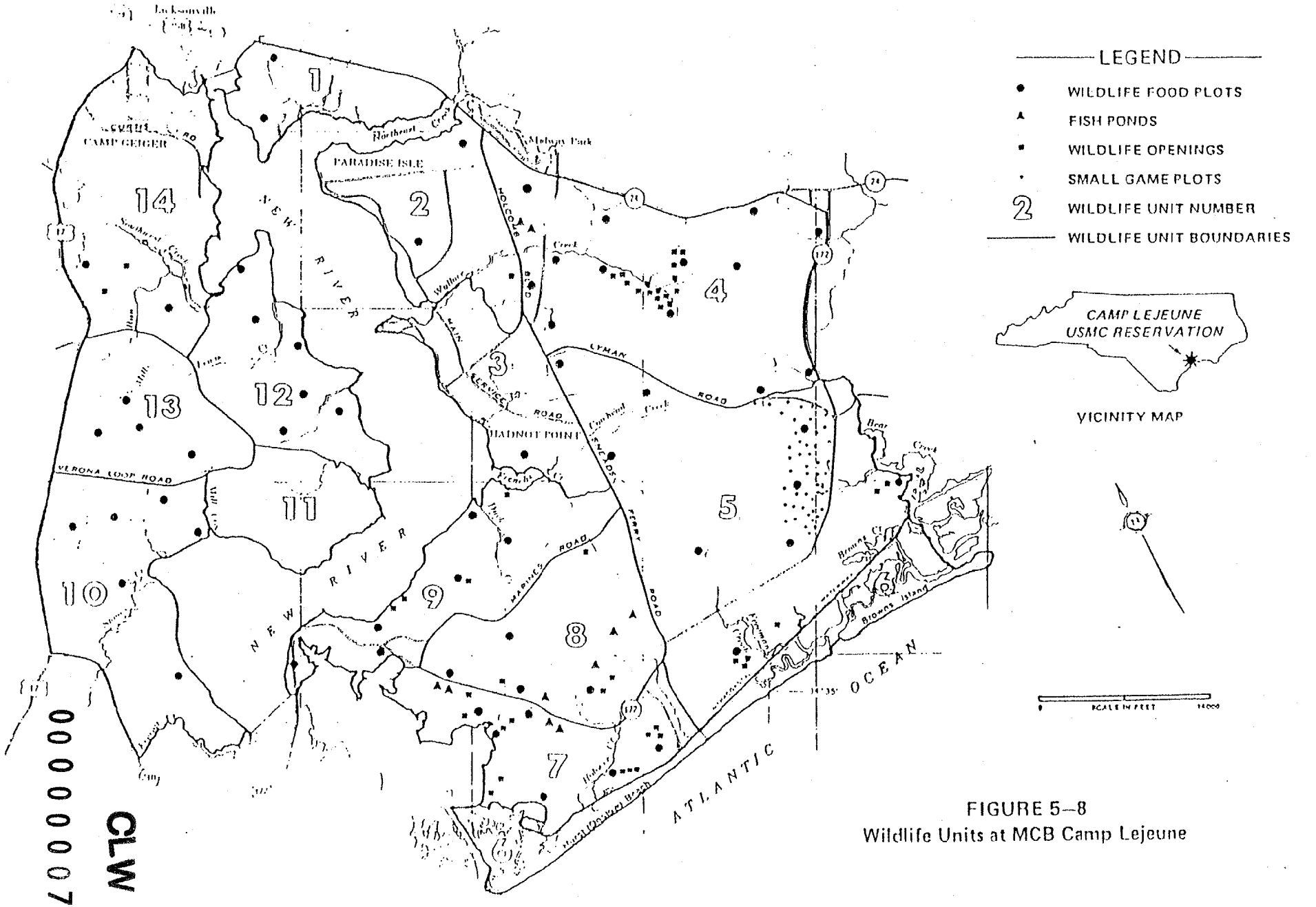

FIGURE 5–8
Wildlife Units at MCB Camp Lejeune

SOURCE: NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, 1975

Wetland ecosystems on the Camp Lejeune complex can be separated into five habitat types (Natural Resource Management Plan, 1975).

1. Pond pine or pocosin,
2. Sweet gum/water oak/cypress and tupelo,
3. Sweet bay/swamp black gum and red maple,
4. Tidal marshes, and
5. Coastal beaches.

5.4.2.1 Pond Pine. This habitat (commonly known as pocosin or upland swamp) is dominated by pond pine with Atlantic white cedar, loblolly and longleaf pine, red maple, sweet bay, and loblolly bay also present as stated above. Understory plant species include greenbriar, cyrilla, fetter bush, and sheep laurel. Associated marsh and aquatic plants include mosses, ferns, pitcher plants, sundews, and Venus flytraps. Animals which can be frequently observed here include deer and black bear. Pocosins provide excellent escape cover for bear because pocosins are seldom disturbed by humans. The presence of pocosin-type habitat at Camp Lejeune is primarily responsible for the continued existence of black bear in the area. Many of the pocosins on the base are overgrown with brush and pine species that would be unprofitable to harvest.

5.4.2.2 Sweet Gum/Water Oak/Cypress and Tupelo. This habitat is found in the rich, moist bottomlands along streams and rivers and extends to the marine shoreline. Cypress dominate if water is present most of the year, while gums dominate if water availability is seasonal. Maple, black gum, hawthorn, sweet bay, red bay, and elm along with hornbeam, holly, and mulberry are also frequently present. Huckleberry, grape, and palmetto make up the understory. Deer, bear, turkey, and waterfowl (including woodcocks) are commonly found in this type of habitat.

5.4.2.3 Sweet Bay/Swamp Black Gum and Red Maple. As the name implies, sweet bay or swamp black gum and red maple are the dominant tree species in this floodplain habitat. Swamp tupelo, ash, and elm are also present. Greenbrier, rattan-vine, grape, and rose make up the understory. Fauna frequently found in this area include waterfowl, mink, otter, raccoon, deer, bear, and gray squirrel.

5.4.2.4 Tidal Marshes. The tidal marsh at the mouth of the New River on MCB Camp Lejeune is one of the few remaining North Carolina coastal areas relatively free from filling or other man-made changes. Vegetation consists of marsh and aquatic plants such as algae, cattails, saltgrass, cordgrass, bulrush, and spikerush. This habitat generously provides wildlife with food and cover. Migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, alligators, raccoons, and river otter are frequently seen within this habitat type.

5.4.2.5 Coastal Beaches. Coastal beaches along the Intracoastal Waterway and along the Outer Banks of MCB Camp Lejeune are used for recreation and to house a small military command unit on the beach. The Marines also conduct beach assault training maneuvers from company-size units to combined 2nd Division, Force Troops, and Marine Air Wing units.

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These exercises involve the use of heavy equipment including Amphibious Tractors (AMTRACs). Training regulations presently restrict where heavy tracked vehicles are permitted to cross the dunes. These restrictions are intended to protect the ecologically sensitive coastal barrier dunes. The vegetation along the beaches includes trees (live oak and red cedar), woody plants (greenbrier, yaupon, holly, wax myrtle, and palmetto), and weeds and herbs (sea oats, beachgrass, butterfly pen, Virginia creeper, swamp mallow, and passion flower). Although in comparison to other types the coastal beaches are generally low in value to most game species, they serve as buffers to the mainland and provide habitat for many shorebirds.

5.4.3 Aquatic Ecosystems. Aquatic ecosystems on MCB Camp Lejeune consist of small lakes, the New River estuary, numerous tributary creeks, and part of the Intracoastal Waterway. A wide variety of freshwater and saltwater fish species live here. A number of freshwater ponds are under management to produce optimum yields and ensure continued harvest of desirable fish species (Natural Resource Management Plan, 1975).

Principal freshwater game fish species in the ponds, creeks, and the New River include largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, warmouth, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, redfin pickerel, jack pickerel, and channel catfish. The New River estuary is used extensively for shellfishing, especially in the bays and protected areas of the river such as Stone Bay, Traps Bay, and Ellis Cove.

The Intracoastal Waterway cuts the southeast edge of MCB Camp Lejeune. As it passes between the mainland and the barrier islands, the waterway carries a heavy flow of private pleasure boats during the summer and a steady flow of commercial barges year-round. A variety of saltwater fish is found in the Intracoastal Waterway and in the Atlantic Ocean adjacent to the base. These include flounder, weakfish, bluefish, spot, croaker, whiting, drum, mackeral, tarpon, marlin, and sailfish. Shellfish, represented by oysters, scallops, and clams, are also abundant (Natural Resource Management Plan, 1975; NAVFACENGCOM, 1975).

This part of the North Carolina coast is within the Atlantic flyway and many species of migrating birds pass through the region. Area habitats are used by migrating birds, and local species of shorebirds also employ the marsh areas as a nursery.

The long-range management plan for MCB Camp Lejeune calls for recreational improvements and increased access along the New River and Intracoastal Waterway for the wildlife observer and photographer as well as the game hunter and fisherman (NAVFACENGCOM, 1975).

Regionally, the area is important because of the marine fisheries resource. At nearby Beaufort, Duke University has a marine laboratory. The National Marine Fisheries Service Center for Menhaden Research is also near Beaufort. The University of North Carolina Institute of Marine Sciences and the State of North Carolina Department of Natural Resources Division of Marine Fisheries are in Morehead C

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5.4.4 Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species. The flora of North Carolina consists of approximately 3,400 taxa of vascular plants. The vertebrate fauna of over 865 species and subspecies includes 200 freshwater fish, 78 amphibians, 79 reptiles, 225 breeding and 175 winter and transient birds, 80 nonmarine mammals, and 28 pelagic or offshore mammals (Cooper, 1977). Of these organisms, 26 have been designated as endangered or threatened by the State of North Carolina and 25 are listed by the federal government as endangered or threatened for North Carolina (Table 5-1). The North Carolina Department of agriculture is currently (1982) reviewing additional plants for inclusion on the state endangered and threatened plant list. Table 5-2 presents 14 additional proposed taxa and taxa under review which are known to occur in Carteret, Craven, Jones, or Onslow Counties. The presence of North Carolina's sensitive species on the Camp Lejeune complex is described in Table 5-3.

The Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Division of MCB Camp Lejeune, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission have entered into an agreement for the protection of endangered and threatened species that might inhabit MCB Camp Lejeune. Habitats are maintained at MCB Camp Lejeune for the preservation and protection of rare and endangered species through the base's forest and wildlife management programs. Full protection is provided to such species and critical habitat is designated in management plans to prevent or mitigate adverse effects of station activities.

As part of the rare and endangered species management program, special emphasis is placed on habitat and sightings of alligators, osprey, bald eagles, cougars, dusky seaside sparrows, and red-cockaded woodpeckers. The red-cockaded woodpecker is present in pine forests on MCB Camp Lejeune as noted in Table 5-3. This small woodpecker subsists on insects and is important in controlling insect pests which attack pine trees. Nesting cavities used by these birds are usually in overmature pine trees with red-heart disease. In some colonies, all the cavity trees are within 300 feet of each other, but in other colonies, they may be 0.5 mile apart (Hooper et al., 1980). Numerous red-cockaded woodpecker colonies on Camp Lejeune have been mapped and marked (Natural Resource Management Plan, 1975). These areas are shown in Figure 5-9.

Table 5-1. State and Federal Status of Sensitive Species for North Carolina

Scientific Name	Common Name	North Carolina*	Federal†
MAMMALS			
Felis concolor cougar	Eastern cougar	E	E
Trichechus manatus	Florida manatee	E	E
Myotis grisescens	Gray bat	E	E
Myotis sodalis	Indiana bat	E	E
Eubalaena glacialis	Atlantic right whale	E	E
Balaenoptera physalus	Finback whale	E	E
Megaptera novaeangliae	Humpback whale	E	E
Balaenoptera borealis	Sei whale	E	E
BIRDS			
Falco peregrinus anatum	American peregrine falcon	E	E
Falco peregrinus tundrius	Artic peregrine falcon	E	E
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald eagle	E	E
Vermivora bachmanii	Bachman's warbler	E	E
Dendroica kirtlandii	Kirtland's warbler	E	E
Pelecanus occidentalis carolinensis	Eastern brown pelican	E	E
Picoides borealis	Red-cockaded woodpecker	E	E
FISH			
Acipenser brevirostrum	Shortnose sturgeon	E	E
Hybopsis monacha	Spotfin chub	T	T
REPTILES			
Alligator mississippiensis	American alligator	E	E
Chelonia mydos	Green turtle	T	T
Eretmochelys imbricata	Hawksbill turtle	E	E
Lepidochelys kempii	Kemp's ridley turtle	E	E
Dermochelys coriacea	Leatherback turtle	E	E
Caretta caretta	Loggerhead turtle	T	T
MOLLUSKS			
Mesodon clarki nantahala	Noonday land snail	T	T
PLANTS			
Sagittaria fasciculata	Bunched arrowhead	E	E
Hudsonia montana	Mountain golden heather	T	

E = Endangered and T = Threatened.

Sources: * Parker, W. and L. Dixon, 1980.
† U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1980.

Table 5-2. Proposed Protected Plant List for North Carolina* Listing Only Those Taxa Known to Occur in Carteret, Craven, Jones, or Onslow Counties

Scientific Name	Common Name	Known Counties†	Habitat**	Proposed Status
Proposed Taxa				
Arenaria godfreyi	Godfrey's sandwort	Craven, Jones	Woodland seepage slopes of marl substrates	E
Asplenium heteroresiliens	Carolina spleenwort fern	Jones	Shaded marl outcrops	E
Calamovilfa brevipilis	Riverbank sandreed	Carteret, Craven Onslow	Long-leaf pine forests, bogs, and savannahs	T
Carex chapmanii	Chapman's sedge	Craven	Dry, sandy woods and roadsides	T
Cystopteris tennesseensis	Tennessee bladder fern	Craven, Jones	Marl outcrops	E
Lysimachia asperulaefolia	Rough-leaf loosestrife	Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow	Savannahs, pocosins, lowbay, upland bogs, and mesic environments. Acidic soils.	E
Myriophyllum laxum	Loose watermilfoil	Carteret, Craven	Lime sinks, pools, and ponds	T
Sarracenia rubra	Mountain sweet pitcher-plant	Carteret, Craven, Onslow	Shrub bogs and savannahs in the coastal plain	SC-E
Solidago verna	Spring-flowering goldenrod	Craven, Onslow	Savannahs, pocosins, pine barrens, pine flatwoods, and shrub bogs	E
Utricularia olivacea	Dwarf bladderwort	Carteret	Shallow, acid ponds with pH of 3 to 5	T
Taxa Under Review				
Aeschynomene virginica	Sensitive joint-vetch	Craven	Riverbanks, swamps, and tidal marshes in the coastal plain	I
Dionaea muscipula	Venus flytrap	Carteret, Craven Jones, Onslow	Wet, sandy ditches, pocosins, savannahs, and open bog margins	PP
Gentiana autumnalis	Pine barren gentian	Craven, Onslow	Pocosins, savannahs, and pine barrens	PP
Parnassia caroliniana	Carolina parnassia	Onslow	Savannahs	PP

E = Endangered, T = Threatened, SC-E = Special Concern--Endangered, I = Indeterminate, and PP = Primary Proposed Species.

Sources: * North Carolina Department of Agriculture, 1981a, 1981b.
† Radford, Ahles, and Bell, 1968; Justice and Bell, 1968; Beal, 1977; and Wilson, 1982.
** Radford, Ahles, and Bell, 1968; Cooper, 1977.

Table 5-3. Comments on Sensitive Species Regarding Occurrence Within Study Area (Camp Lejeune Complex)

Species	Comment
MAMMALS	
Eastern cougar	Possible transient but not seen since 1974
Florida manatee	Study area is northern extreme of summer range
Gray bat	Not in area
Indiana bat	Not in area
Atlantic right whale	Possible migrant offshore
Finback whale	Possible migrant offshore
Humpback whale	Possible migrant offshore
Sei whale	Possible migrant offshore
BIRDS	
American peregrine falcon	Possible but not common
Arctic peregrine falcon	Possible
Bald eagle	Not reported or seen
Bachman's warbler	Possible migrant but not observed
Kirtland's warbler	Possible migrant but not reported
Eastern brown pelican	Reported in area
Red-cockaded woodpecker	Frequent in area with known nesting areas
FISH	
Shortnose sturgeon	Not observed recently
Spotfin chub	Not in area
REPTILES	
American alligator	Routinely observed
Green turtle	Known nesting sites along coast
Hawksbill turtle	Possible migrant offshore
Kemp's ridley turtle	Possible migrant offshore
Leatherback turtle	Possible migrant offshore
Loggerhead turtle	Known nesting sites along coast
MOLLUSKS	
Noonday land snail	Not in area
PLANTS	
Bunched arrowhead	Not in area
Mountain golden heather	Not in area

Sources: Peterson, 1982.
Cooper, 1977.
Parker and Dixon, 1980.

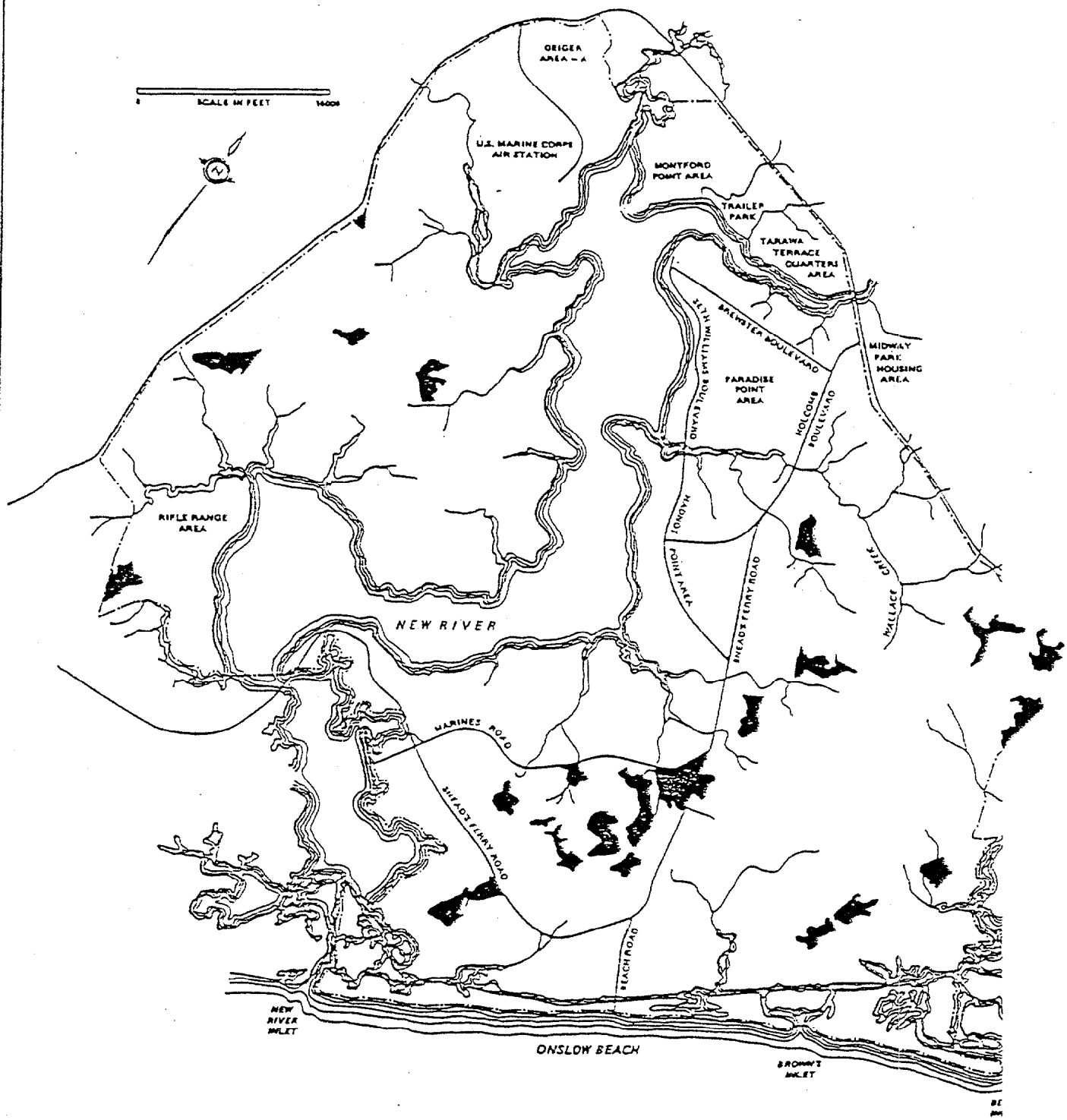

FIGURE 5–9
Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Colony Areas at MCB Camp Lejeune

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SOURCE: PETERSON, 1982

SECTION 6. ACTIVITY FINDINGS

6.1 INTRODUCTION. Section 6 summarizes base activities and operations which may involve potential environmental contamination. Emphasis is placed on past practices. At the end of the section is an inventory of all waste disposal sites which includes site descriptions. Information is more detailed for sites requiring confirmation.

Throughout the activities and operations summaries, the reader is referred to specific sites for more information. In these instances, site descriptions at the end of this section should be consulted.

6.2 OPERATIONS, ORDNANCE. Because ordnance operations at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Lejeune are carefully controlled, there is little public health or environmental concern about past disposal practices. For that reason, only an overview of this function is presented. Camp Lejeune was established as a training center before World War II and has retained this characteristic feature. Numerous activities, from infantry and tank training to amphibious operations, require substantial amounts of ordnance each year. No manufacturing or load and pack operations occur on the base. All ordnance is shipped in and stored on the facility. Types of ordnance range from small arms ammunition to rockets, artillery, and mortar rounds. Principal magazine storage is in the Frenchs Creek area, while smaller storage areas exist in other designated places on the base. No reports of spills or accidents were discovered during this study.

There is evidence that, on a nonroutine, irregular basis, some ordnance was buried at the Camp Geiger landfill near the trailer park (Site No. 41). Reports indicate that some mortar shells were placed in dumpsters and ultimately taken to the landfill. A case of grenades was once found at that site and subsequently buried there. A 105mm cannon shell apparently blew up while being buried there. This suggests that care be taken when drilling or boring at Site No. 41.

Because of the training mission, a substantial amount of land has been designated as firing ranges and impact areas. There are three impact zones, called G-10, N-2, and K-2, for high explosives. Locations of these zones are as follows:

1. G-10 Impact Area--PWDM 1, D5-6.
2. N-2 Impact Area--Extends east from the junction of Gridline 94 and Onslow Beach along the beach line to Bear Creek Inlet, and then along Bear Creek to a point 400 yards north of the Intracoastal Waterway, and thence on a line 400 yards north of a parallel to the Intracoastal Waterway to Gridline 94. Ordnance from aircraft will impact on Brown's Island.
3. K-2 Impact Area--PWDM 1, D3/E3.

The New River bisects MCB Camp Lejeune and splits impact zones G-10 and K-2 into east and west sections. N-2 is southeast of G-10 and borders the Atlantic.

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A bombing range known as BT-3 has been established at Brown's Island. This property is 7 miles southwest of Swansboro, North Carolina. The island, referred to as the Brown's Island Target Complex, is used by aircraft for target runs with ordnance not to exceed an equivalent net explosive weight of 250 pounds TNT. The target complex also receives high trajectory artillery rounds.

There are two Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) areas on the base near the impact zones. They are G-4 for the east and K-326 for the west side of the camp. They are used to dispose of inert, unserviceable, or dud ordnance. Ordnance is routinely collected by skilled EOD personnel and disposed of by burning or electrically exploding. There is no significant chemical waste generated by this activity. At times, residual propellant or incompletely burned munition compounds may remain, but amounts are typically less than 1 pound.

6.3 OPERATIONS; NONORDNANCE.

6.3.1 Introduction and Summary. Most waste material is generated by the support and maintenance functions of the base. Decentralization of utilities and other essential services is necessitated by the 170-square-mile land area. For instance, vehicle maintenance functions are carried out at several places. Past generation of hazardous waste is primarily a result of maintenance-type activities. Only light industrial activity has taken place.

In a facility the size of MCB Camp Lejeune, hazardous waste may be generated at many places. For instance, the 1979 Facility Development Map set indicates the following numbers of facilities:

1. Vehicle maintenance (except ramps and racks)--45 to 50 buildings,
2. Vehicle/aircraft racks/ramps--85 to 90 buildings,
3. Other maintenance--10 to 15 buildings,
4. Fuel related operations--approximately 50 buildings,
5. Maintenance shops--approximately 20 buildings, and
6. Other shops--approximately 10 buildings.

The actual number of shops is probably greater since individual shops within buildings are not distinguished in these numbers.

Because this investigation is conducted within finite military resources, priorities must be established. Priority criteria include types of substances potentially involved, intensity or size of activity or organization, and level of information available. More information is provided in this report on these activities assigned higher priorities.

Another important factor relating to information reported in this section is on-site judgment. Observed circumstances and information gathered during interviews indicate minimal contamination potential at many shops and activities. In these instances, priority was given to identifying and gathering information regarding other disposal sites, rather than gathering detailed information on activity, history, and productivity at what appeared to be lower priority activities.

6.3.3.4 Old 10th Regiment. This group occupied the "1800" area when only buildings with 500 designations were standing. Artillery was parked adjacent to the buildings. Maintenance activities took place in and around Buildings 571, 574, 576, 598, and 599. No information was obtained regarding wastes generated by this regiment. The area is now occupied by the 2nd Combat Engineers Battalion.

6.3.3.5 2nd Combat Engineers Battalion. This battalion is presently in the "1800" area. Routine maintenance of small combat vehicles takes place in Buildings 574, 576, and 598. No significant areas of contamination were observed.

6.3.3.6 2nd, 6th, and 10th Regiments. These regiments use several sections of the supply and industrial area. Buildings 1205, 1206, 1310, 1405, 1406, 1502, 1503, 1601, 1604, 1605, 1607, 1711, 1739, 1750, 1755, 1760, 1775, and 1780 are used for maintenance of small combat vehicles. Except for the 1700 area, many of these buildings were constructed in the early 1940s and early 1950s. The area is urban with most surfaces paved. Spills and other disposal activities may have occurred. However, no indications of significant contamination were found.

6.3.3.7 8th Marine Regiment. This regiment occupies a portion of Camp Geiger. Combat vehicles are maintained at Building TC-952. Large paved parking areas slope eastward to a tributary of Brinson Creek. This small creek has received runoff POL from the lots. There was evidence of dumping near the creek but no significant contamination was observed.

6.3.4 Fire Fighting Activities. Presently, there are two fire fighting training burn pits at MCB Camp Lejeune. One site used by the MCB Camp Lejeune Fire Department is located south of Bearhead Creek and between Holcomb Boulevard and Piney Green Road (see Site No. 9). The other is located near the end of Runway 5 at MCAS New River (see Site No. 54) and has been used for crash crew training. Both pits were initially unlined.

The fire department pit was first used in 1961 using water-contaminated JP-4 and JP-5. The fuel sat on top of a water layer in the bottom of the pit. The water layer was not treated after the training exercises were completed. This pit was lined in the late 1960s. From 1965 to 1971, approximately 30,000 gal/yr was burned at this pit. The current use is now about 5,000 gal/yr.

The Crash Crew Training Area at MCAS New River was used in the mid-1950s. Originally, training was on the ground and surrounded by a berm. Later, a pit was used which was lined in 1975. MCAS New River drainage ditches were reported to carry "Protien" fire fighting foam toward Southwest Creek during or after practice exercises. The affected area is about 1.5 acres. Based on a present annual usage of 15,000 gallons of POL, approximately 0.5 million gallons of these compounds have been used at this site. Most of these were burned, but as many as 3,000 to 4,000 gallons may have soaked into the soil.

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6.3.5 Naval Field Research Laboratory. From 1947 to 1976, the Naval Research Laboratory was located in the area of the present Pest Control Shop (Building PT-37, see Site Nos. 19 and 20). Activities at the laboratory included using radionuclides (Iodine 131) for metabolic studies on small animals. These actions are not believed to have produced any lasting hazardous waste contamination (see Section 6.4).

6.3.6 Creosote Plant. During 1951 and 1952, a saw mill and creosote plant (Building 776; Site No. 3) manufactured railroad ties. This activity was located about 800 feet east of Building 613 (pump house and Well No. 13), on the opposite side of Holcomb Boulevard and the railroad tracks. Logs were cut into ties which were then placed in a chamber and pressure-treated with hot creosote. Creosote was used directly from a railroad tank car. Creosote remaining in the pressure chamber at the end of the treatment cycle was saved for later use. There were no reports of any creosote waste generation. Oil-burning boilers provided steam to heat the creosote.

The ties were used to build a railroad from Camp Lejeune to Cherry Point, North Carolina. Upon completion of the railroad, the mill and plant were sold and removed from Camp Lejeune. All that remained at the time of this IAS site visit were concrete pads and the boiler chimney. An inspection of the area did not reveal any indication of creosote or other wastes of concern.

6.3.7 Utility Operations. Utility operations have influenced environmental issues at the base. Power, steam, and water are discussed below. Waste disposal is discussed in Section 6.5

Power for the base is supplied by Carolina Power and Light Company with all lines above ground. Maintenance of the system is performed by the company, although transformer leakage within the systems is a concern of base environmental affairs personnel because of potential PCB contamination. Transformer storage is temporary and is now carried out with proper environmental controls. Presently, transformers are stored in Storage Lot 140, between Ash Street and Sneads Ferry Road on Center Road Extension. It is currently designated as a hazardous waste storage area. Historically, transformers were stored at Storage Lots 201 and 203. One incident of leaky 55-gallon drums of transformer oil near Building 1502 was reported. The problem was dealt with by disposing of the drums at Site No. 74 and the area near Building 1502 is believed to be cleaned up. (Refer to description of Site Nos. 6, 21, and 74 for additional information.)

The steam plant at Hadnot Point can produce 480,000 pounds of steam per hour and supplies the French Creek area as well as mainside. Steam is used for heating and cleaning of equipment. Substantial amounts of coal are stored near this facility. The area is identified as Site No. 26. This is a currently operating site and NACIP confirmation is not required. However, berms to prevent coal pile runoff were not noted and some alterations to runoff control may be warranted. The current CLW plan indicates that increased demand will be placed on the system in the

future. As many as 45,000 tons of coal are used per year. Fly ash has been disposed of on base for many years. (Refer to Site No. 24 for additional waste disposal information.)

Groundwater is the potable supply. This is significant, not as a potential source of contamination, but rather as a potential receptor. Strategically located wells provide water to eight treatment plants within the military complex. Generally, wells are deep enough to penetrate at least one impervious layer. The Hadnot Point plant serves French Creek, Tarawa Terrace, and Berkeley Manor. Storage is in elevated tanks with a total capacity of 1.4 million gallons. Table 6-1 presents characteristics of the water treatment plants.

The drinking water system at the Rifle Range area has been a concern because of elevated trihalomethane (THM) levels and proximity of wells to the chemical landfill (Site No. 69). This concern for impacts of Site No. 69 exists despite the fact that THM levels at other places are also somewhat high. For example, note Samples 14, 15, and 16 in Table 6-3. Test wells have been placed around the landfill to monitor groundwater characteristics. Table 6-2 shows THM levels in treated water at the Rifle Range. Strategies to reduce THM levels such as changes in chlorination procedures are being evaluated now (1982). Source of THM precursors is not known, but groundwater monitoring related to the chemical landfill is continuing. THM levels at 41 locations at Camp Lejeune are shown in Table 6-3. Three one-time samples (see Samples 14, 15, and 16) contained total THM at or greater than the 100 ppb EPA (annual average) drinking water limit. THM precursors obviously exist at various locations. However, sources of precursors may or may not be related to past hazardous material disposal. In fact, origins of precursors may not be related to any human activity (e.g., detrital matter or algae).

6.3.8 Radar Equipment Operations. At MCAS New River, metallic mercury was drained from delay lines at the radar site and buried without containment. The radar units were located near the Photo Lab, Building 804 (Site No. 48). This took place from the mid-1950s to the mid-1960s at a rate of about 1 gallon per year.

6.3.9 Pest Control Shop. The control of nuisance organisms at Camp Lejeune has been the mission of an activity called, at various times, Malaria Control, Insect Vector Control, and Pest Control Shop. Building 712 (Site No. 2) housed this activity from 1945 to 1958. Insecticides and herbicides were stored and mixed at this site until the activity moved to Building 1105. At Building 1105, the administrative and storage functions were accomplished while the mixing of chemicals was performed in the southeast portion of Lot 140 (Site No. 21). In 1977, this shop moved to Building PT-37 where it presently is located.

For a listing of the names and quantities of insecticides and herbicides used by this activity, see Site Nos. 2 and 21 in Section 6.7. Equipment washing without containment and treatment of the resulting wastewater was common practice at both Building 712 and Storage Lot 140.

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Table 6-1. Water Treatment at MCB Camp Lejeune

Water Treatment Plant	Building	Capacity	Approx. Daily Flow	Treatment
Hadnot Point	HD-20	5 mgd	3.1 mgd	Lime
Holcomb Boulevard*	670	2 mgd	1.5 to 2 mgd	Lime
Tarawa Terrace†	TT-38	1 mgd	1 mpd	Lime
Air Station	AS-110	3.5 mgd	1 mgd	Lime
Camp Johnson†	M-168	0.75 mgd	0.25 mgd	Zeolite
Rifle Range	RR-85	0.6 mgd	0.25 mgd	Zeolite
Courthouse Bay**	BB-190	0.6 mgd	0.5 mgd	Zeolite
Onslow Beach	BA-138	0.25 mgd	0.15 to 0.2 mgd	Zeolite

* There are plans to expand the Holcomb Boulevard plant's capacity to 5 mgd.
† Scheduled for elimination.
** Scheduled for expansion to 1 mgd capacity.

Source: WAR, 1982.

Table 6-2. Total Trihalomethane Values in Treated Water at Rifle Range, MCB Camp Lejeune, 1981 and 1982

Date	Sample No.	Total THM (ppb)
1981		
8/20	467	100
8/20	468	100
8/20	469	98
8/20	470	98
9/24	542	42
9/24	543	43
9/24	544	40
9/24	545	44
10/28	552	49
10/28	553	53
10/28	554	51
10/28	555	55
12/30	567	105
12/30	568	99
12/30	569	104
12/30	570	103
1982		
1/28	572	63
1/28	573	57
1/28	574	71
1/28	575	63
3/18	577	32
3/18	578	47
3/18	579	--
3/18	580	58

Note: Data shown are to demonstrate levels and range of THM encountered.

Source: LANTNAVFACENGCOM, 1982.

Table 6-3. Trihalomethane (THM) Levels at MCB Camp Lejeune, 1982 (in ug/l)

Sample No.	General Area	Location	Chloroform	Bromodichloro-methane	Chlorodibromo-methane	Bromoform	Total THM*
1	Tarawa Terrace	Bldg. SST-39A, Water Plant @ first pump	1	4	3	2	10
2	Tarawa Terrace	Bldg. TT-60, TT Elementary School I, Main Hall Men's Room Sink	1	5	4	2	12
3	Tarawa Terrace	Bldg. TT-48, TT Elementary School II, Men's Room across Office	1	5	3	2	11
4	Tarawa Terrace	Bldg. TT-2453, TT Exchange Gas Station's Ladies Room	1	4	3	2	10
5	Tarawa Terrace	Bldg. TT-35, Sewage Plant's Office Sink	1	4	3	2	10
6	Knox Trailer Park	Bldg. E-23, Sewage Lift Station	3	3	1	<1	7

Table 6-3. Trihalomethane (THM) Levels at MCB Camp Lejeune, 1982 (in ug/l) (Continued, Page 2 of 6)

Sample No.	General Area	Location	Chloroform	Bromodichloro-methane	Chlorodibromo-methane	Bromoform	Total THM*
7	Montford Point	Bldg. M-178, Water Plant @ Sink Faucet	3	4	2	<1	9
8	Montford Point	Bldg. M-625, Steam Plant, Bathroom Sink	2	<1	<1	<1	2
9	Montford Point	Bldg. M-128, Branch Clinic, Men's Room	3	4	2	<1	9
10	Montford Point	Bldg. M-136, Sewage Plant Sink	3	4	2	<1	9
11	Montford Point	Bldg. M-231, BOQ, First Floor Men's Room	4	4	2	<1	10
12	New River	Bldg. AS-110 Water Plant @ Pump	11	15	20	5	51
13	New River	Bldg. G-520, Career Planner, Second Floor Men's Room	13	21	28	11	73

Table 6-3. Trihalomethane (THM) Levels at MCB Camp Lejeune, 1982 (in ug/l) (Continued, Page 3 of 6)

Sample No.	General Area	Location	Chloroform	Bromodichloro-methane	Chlorodibromo-methane	Bromoform	Total THM*
14	New River	Bldg. AS-4025, Barracks Rec. Room, Bathroom Sink	15	28	45	32	120
15	New River	Bldg. 710, Officer's Club Gally Sink	15	25	37	22	99
16	New River	Bldg. 2800, Boat Marina Men's Room	15	24	37	24	100
17	Holcomb Blvd.	Bldg. 670, Water Plant @ Pump	18	8	2	<1	28
18	Holcomb Blvd.	Bldg. 4022, Fire Station, Bathroom Sink	22	9	2	<1	33
19	Holcomb Blvd.	Bldg. 1915, Golf Course, Men's Locker Room	24	11	3	<1	38
20	Holcomb Blvd.	Bldg. 5400, Berkeley Manor Elementary School, Main Hall Bathroom	20	13	2	<1	35

Table 6-3. Trihalomethane (THM) Levels at MCB Camp Lejeune, 1982 (in ug/l) (Continued, Page 4 of 6)

Sample No.	General Area	Location	Chloroform	Bromodichloro-methane	Chlorodibromo-methane	Bromoform	Total THM*
21	Holcomb Blvd.	Bldg. 2615, PP Officer's Club, Gally Dishwashing Sink	23	21	3	<1	47
22	Rifle Range	Bldg. RR-85, Water Plant @ Finish Tap	29	15	4	<1	48
23	Rifle Range	Bldg. RR-6, Fire House Sink	29	14	4	<1	47
24	Rifle Range	Bldg. RR-10, Snack Bar Sink	29	15	4	<1	48
25	Rifle Range	Bldg. RR-200, Across from Target Shed	28	14	4	<1	46
26	Rifle Range	Bldg. RR-92, Sewage Plant Sink	29	15	5	<1	49
27	Court-house Bay	Bldg. BB-190, Water Plant @ Faucet	27	13	4	<1	44
28	Court-house Bay	Bldg. BB-7, Mess Hall Sink	27	13	4	<1	44

Table 6-3. Trihalomethane (THM) Levels at MCB Camp Lejeune, 1982 (in ug/l) (Continued, Page 5 of 6)

Sample No.	General Area	Location	Chloroform	Bromodichloro-methane	Chlorodibromo-methane	Bromoform	Total THM*
29	Court-house Bay	Bldg. BB-54, Service Club	29	13	4	<1	46
30	Court-house Bay	Bldg. SBB-204 Sewage Plant Sink	29	14	4	<1	47
31	Court-house Bay	Bldg. BB-46, Marina Bathroom Sink	38	18	6	<1	62
32	Onslow Beach	Bldg. BA-138, Water Plant	32	9	1	<1	42
33	Onslow Beach	Campsite #2, Spigot 10 (Mainland)	41	10	2	<1	53
34	Onslow Beach	Bldg. BA-103, Mess Hall	32	9	1	<1	42
35	Onslow Beach	Campsite #1, Spigot 2 (Beachside)	39	6	<1	<1	45
36	Onslow Beach	Bldg. SBA-142, Spigot at bottom of Pier	29	9	1	<1	39

Table 6-3. Trihalomethane (THM) Levels at MCB Camp Lejeune, 1982 (in ug/l) (Continued, Page 6 of 6)

Sample No.	General Area	Location	Chloroform	Bromodichloro-methane	Chlorodibromo-methane	Bromoform	Total THM*
37	Hadnot Point	Bldg. 20, Water Plant @ Pump	23	20†	2	<1	45**
38	Hadnot Point	Bldg. NH-1, Emergency Room Sink	28	20†	3	<1	51**
39	Hadnot Point	Bldg. 1202, Men's Room Sink	25	20†	2	<1	47**
40	Hadnot Point	Bldg. 65, Quality Control Lab, Room 220 Sink	25	20†	2	<1	47**
41	Hadnot Point	Bldg. FC-530, Laundry Room Sink, First Floor	28	20†	3	<1	51**

* Interim drinking water standard for TTHM is 100 ug/l (maximum) (annual average).
† This represents an upper limit on the possible bromodichloromethane level.
** This represents an upper limit on the possible total trihalomethane level.

Note: Data shown are to demonstrate levels and ranges of THM encountered.

Source: LANTNAVFACENGCOM, 1982.

wastewater at Storage Lot 140 was estimated to be about 350 gallons of overland discharge per week (NAVFACENGCOM, FY1977). Spillage during the mixing process occurred at Building 712 and possibly occurred at Storage Lot 140. Soil samples taken around Building 712 after this IAS team site visit have shown DDT residues at levels up to 0.75 percent, on a dry weight basis (see Table 2-1).

Building 712 most recently has been used as a day-care center (now relocated). Building 1105 now houses Roads and Grounds Department. Storage and handling procedures at Building 1105 were reported to be adequate to prevent any large spills and to insure a current safe working environment. Any pesticide solution not consumed during the day it was prepared was saved for later use.

6.3.10 Dry Cleaning Shop. Although there are many laundry distribution centers located within Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River, all dry cleaning is performed in Building 25. This laundry facility has been at the same location since 1943. The solvent used for dry cleaning was changed in 1970 from a petroleum based solvent to perchloroethylene (tetrachloroethene). Current consumption rate is approximately 34 tons per year. Solvent losses are reported to occur only as a result of evaporation during the dry cycle. Solvent is reclaimed by filtration and distillation. Therefore, little or no wastes have been generated. Spent filters are dried at high temperatures while any vapors are vented into the solvent storage tank. After drying, spent filters are bagged and sent to the landfill.

6.3.11 Preparation, Preservation, and Packaging Shops.

6.3.11.1 MCB Shop Stores Branch. The Preparation, Preservation, and Packaging (P, P, and P) Shop is responsible for rendering equipment and materials ready for storage and shipment or for rendering such stored items operational from storage. Located in Building 909 at Hadnot Point, this shop is presently accountable for packaging hazardous materials to be transported to the Defense Property Disposal Office (DPDO), or other storage locations. Prior to 1977, rinse water from this facility (300 gal/week in 1977) was discharged by storm sewer into Beaver Dam Creek. The shop last used the degreaser Trichloroethylene (TCE) in 1978.

6.3.11.2 2dFSSG, 2d Supply Battalion. The degreaser TCE was used in Buildings 901 and 1601 by the Marine 2nd Force Service Support Group (2dFSSG) to degrease engines at various times. Approximately 440 gallons of TCE were contained in a tank. In 1976 or 1977, this TCE tank was drained and the solvent sent to DPDO. No information was found regarding spills, leaks, or discharges from the tank.

6.3.12 Furniture Repair Shops. The Furniture Repair Shop operated by Base Maintenance is located in Building 1409. This shop used paint stripper (contained in an approximately 550 gallon vat) to remove [illegible] finishes (i.e., lacquer and varnish). The vat was emptied irregularly every 1 to 4 months. The paint stripper was placed in 55-gallon drums,

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transported to the industrial area fly ash dump (Site No. 24), and poured onto the ground but not burned.

Special Services operates a furniture repair facility at Camp Geiger in Building TC-609. This facility has been in operation since at least 1968. Only small amounts of wastes are generated.

6.3.13 Paint Shops. Three paint shops are located in the Hadnot Point area. The Base Maintenance Paint Shop (Building 1202) used an estimated 9 tons of paint per year in 1980; similarly, the Central Paint Shop (Building 908) used 1 ton and the Hobby Paint Shop (Building 1103) used 2 tons. The Base Maintenance Paint Shop has been located in Building 1202 at least since pre-1951 and probably since the building was constructed in 1942.

As a matter of long standing shop policy, oil-based paint of all colors has been saved, combined, and the resulting gray paint then used. It has been reported that starting in 1964, about 20 to 40 gallons of oil-based paint were disposed of at the Hadnot Point Burn Dump (see Site No. 28) every other week. Some of this paint was burned. It is not known when this practice ceased. Thinning solvents are rarely used.

6.3.14 Photographic Laboratories. Six photographic facilities have been identified at Camp Lejeune. In 1968, Buildings 11 and 27 were used by the 2nd Marine Division, and Headquarters and Service Battalion, respectively, for photographic uses.

The Sanitary Engineering Survey for FY 1977 (NAVFACENGCONM, FY 1977) identified Building 54 (originally a mess hall built in 1943) as a photo lab generating 300 to 400 gallons per week of wastewater containing acetic acid, sodium sulfite, and ferric cyanide. It further described the Naval Regional Medical Center Hospital as generating 200 to 300 gallons per week of photographic wastes containing hydroquinone, alkali, and silver nitrate. The photo lab in Building 302, presently the Public Affairs Office, produced 15 gallons per day of wastes containing hydroquinone and methylaminophenol sulfate.

The Administration Office and Photographic Laboratory (Building 804 at MCAS New River) was built in 1955. This laboratory presently discharges about 50 gallons of developers and stop bath per month to a sanitary sewer. Fix bath solution is sent to DPDO for reclamation. Past waste disposal quantities are presumed similar to current ones. Discharge is expected to have been to sewers and not to landfills.

6.3.15 Other Industrial Trade Shops. Other general trade shops are associated with routine base maintenance functions. The Plaster and Masonry Shop is located in Building 1304 while Building 1202 houses the following shops: Electric, Metal Working, Plumbing and Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, and Carpenter. Generally, the materials used by these shops are consumed during the repair and construction functions that they perform. The metal refuse collection

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system has been in use at Camp Lejeune for several decades and eliminated solid metal disposal problems. The Metal Working Shop is primarily a metal-forming facility without pickling or similar metal re-working operations. The Electric Shop sends any accumulated transformer oil to DPDO and rarely has disposed of any motor winding varnish. The Plumbing and Heating Shop used "Sizzle" to unclog indoor drain pipes but has since discontinued the use of this product which was probably a caustic cleaning agent. The Carpenter Shop was united with the Upholstery Shop in Building 1409 in 1951 before moving to its present location.

6.3.16 Fuel-Related Operations. Fuel storage, dispensing, and disposal are significant activities related to environmental contamination issues. One principal tank farm, for gasoline and diesel fuel, is located in the Hadnot Point area. Here, fuel is transferred into tank trucks and transported to smaller dispensing facilities on base. In the past, this operation has resulted in the release of POL compounds to the environment via leaks (see Section 6.5, Material Storage) or spills from tank trucks (e.g., refer to Site No. 64). Prompt action in the past has, by and large, prevented serious contamination from major spills.

6.4 OPERATIONS, RADIOLOGICAL. The Naval Research Laboratory site is near the present Pest Control Shop. Activities at the laboratory included using radionuclides for metabolic studies on small animals. Approximately 100 dogs were disposed of in a small area near the building. In November 1980, strontium 90 beta buttons were found while grading a parking lot near the building. The area was surveyed, and contaminated items were recovered. Soil samples were obtained and the site was cleaned of radioactive substances. Five 55-gallon drums of soil and animal residues were collected along with 499 beta buttons (400 microcuries per button).

Iodine 131 was used in metabolic studies at the Naval Research Laboratory. Because Iodine 131 has a half-life of only 8 days, potential for residual radiological contamination is nil.

6.5 MATERIAL STORAGE. Responsibility for support of the facility activities rests with the supply organizations of the various commands. Materials of interest include POL, pesticides, chemicals, and radiological substances.

Central stores located in the supply and industrial area of Hadnot Point receive all incoming supplies for the Camp Lejeune complex. The group gives support to the 2dFSSG as well as to other tenant commands on the base. The central stores group handles all commodities such as ammunition, fuels, shop stores, and food. In addition, the group inspects all materials that enter the base. There is also a materials stores traffic management unit which is responsible for waste storage and shipment from the base to proper receiving facilities. Following a DPDO declaration that a given material is waste, this group stores and transports it. The P,P, and P group certifies that the material is safe to move.

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Storage of oils, fuels, and other lubricants is scattered throughout the base. The Environmental Engineering Survey FY80 Update, while addressing wastewater treatment needs, identified 69 waste oil systems, 46 grease racks, 50 POL storage areas, 144 fuel tanks, and 9 fueling areas. Under the present plan, POL are stored with adequate environmental safeguards; large fuel tanks or tank farms have earthen berms to contain spills. Other POL products in cans or drums are stored on fenced concrete pads. Historically, there was no awareness of the hazards associated with these compounds and containment measures were minor or did not exist. In the past, there have been leaks in fuel tanks or underground lines. When the break or leak is minor, there may be a considerable time before detection, sometimes resulting in a large amount entering surrounding soils. For example, tank farms at Hadnot Point, MCAS New River, and Camp Geiger have experienced losses through tank or line leakage. These events have prompted an awareness by base personnel of contamination problems associated with underground pipelines. Construction of aboveground lines has been one control measure at the JP Fuel Farm (Site No. 45). Refer to Site Nos. 22, 35, and 45 for detailed descriptions of various fuel storage problems.

Generally, POL contamination can be grouped as spillage of unused POL of a defined type or spillage/disposal of waste POL of an unknown type or types. When POL at a spill site can be identified as a single type of organic mixture, like Mogas or JP-4, the areas of concern may be limited to one or a few specific categories. These categories may be limited to such areas as: tainting of fish and shellfish flesh; taste and odor problems in potable water; migration of lead, lead compounds, and potential carcinogens (e.g., benzene) to human or environmental receptors; fire and/or explosion hazards; and problems at building construction sites.

Situations dealing with waste POL are potentially more complicated because many different types of wastes may have been combined, including toxic and hazardous organic substances. Additionally, waste motor oil alone has been known to contain some heavy metals and phenolics. Phenolic compounds are known to taint fish flesh and, when chlorinated in water treatment systems, to cause taste and odor problems at concentrations near 2 parts per billion. Consequently, waste POL sites may require more extensive analytical investigations to determine what wastes are present and thereby better define the specific areas of concern.

Hazardous chemicals are now segregated and stored in accordance with federal regulations to minimize risk to environment and to human health. Chemicals such as solvents are now stored on concrete pads which are fenced. There is adequate protection against runoff in case of a spill.

Pesticides currently are stored at the former Naval Research Laboratory (see Section 6.3.9). From 1943 to approximately 1958, pesticides were stored in Building 712; this building was used as a day-care center from the early 1960s until mid-1982. Subsequently,

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pesticides were moved to Building 1105, where they remained until 1977. Stored in Building 1105 were chlorinated hydrocarbons such as DDT and Chlordane as well as Diazinon, Malathion, Lindane, Mirex, 2,4-D, Dalapon, and Dursban.

In the hazardous materials storage area (Building TP-452) HTH was being stored below antifreeze (ethylene glycol). The liquid either spilled or was released in some manner and contacted the HTH. Combustion resulted and the entire facility burned in 1977. This is an example of storage which was improperly planned or without knowledge of the hazard involved from putting these two substances in close proximity. Paint stored here was also consumed in the fire.

6.6 WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS.

6.6.1 Sewage Treatment. Liquid sanitary wastes are conventionally treated throughout the complex. Because of the large surface area, sewage treatment plants (STPs) must be located in various areas. At Hadnot Point, gravity and force mains convey waste to a secondary trickling filter plant capable of treating 8 mgd. This plant, originally serving Hadnot Point, has been extended to Paradise Point, French Creek, and the Berkeley Manor housing area.

Courthouse Bay houses the Engineer's School and the Second Amphibious Tractor Battalion. Sewage treatment is at the secondary level using lime as a pH control. The design capacity of the plant is 0.5 mgd.

MCAS New River and nearby Camp Geiger at one time had separate treatment plants, each capable of providing secondary treatment. The Camp Geiger plant has been upgraded and now also serves the air station. Design capacity of this facility is 1.6 mgd.

6.6.2 Solid Wastes and POL Disposal. Solid waste disposal in the base complex has been on land in the past. Past practice has not been well regulated, and unauthorized disposal sites were used for many substances, some of which were hazardous. A chronology of principal waste disposal areas is given in Figure 6-1. The original base waste disposal site (prior to 1950) was off Holcomb Boulevard across from Storage Lot 203 (See Site No. 10). The site was a borrow pit used for disposal of construction debris. Following construction, which began in 1941, disposal areas were located near individual activities (see Site Nos. 1, 7, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19, 24, 25, 36, 37, 40, 42, 43, 44, 46, 55, 57, 61, 62, 63, 65, and 68). As a result, a number of sites were active simultaneously. In the early 1970s, a central landfill (Site No. 29) was established to receive wastes from the entire complex while other landfills were gradually phased out. One possible exception is the Chemical Dump in the Rifle Range area (Site No. 69) at which disposal continued.

A 1977 report by SCS Engineers shows that MCB Camp Lejeune generates 664 tons of solid waste per week, or approximately 95 tons per

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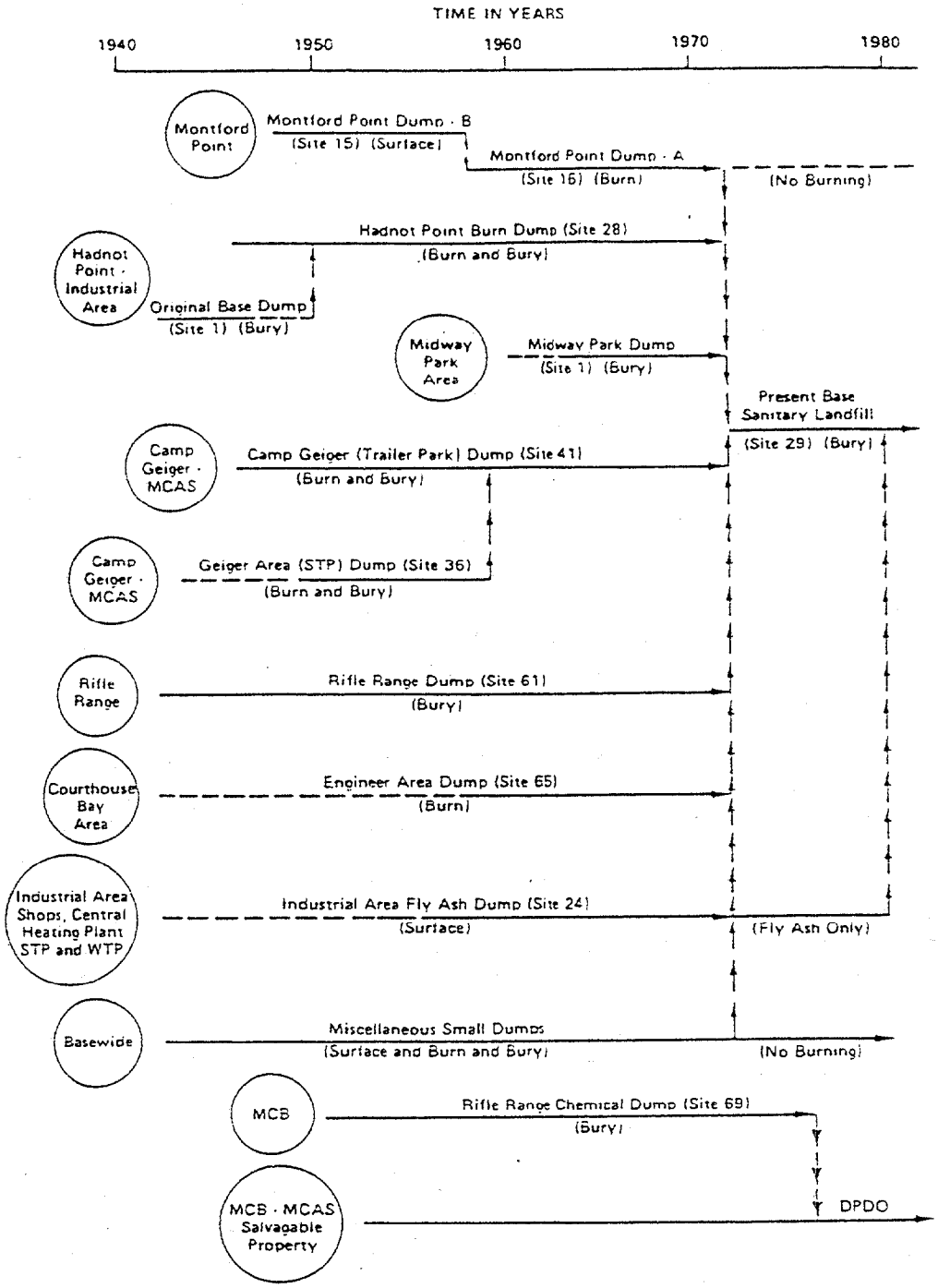

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FIGURE 6–1

Chronology of Solid Waste Disposal Sites and Waste Routing at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

day. The composition is similar to municipal waste in other communities. The industrial waste contains nonhazardous materials and is typical of commercial industrial wastes from similar activities.

In addition to solid wastes, base personnel have estimated that prior to the early 1970s, about 5 percent of the waste oils (and other POL) was disposed of at landfills while the remainder was spread on roadways or poured down storm drains. Other liquid wastes disposed of at these scattered disposal sites include solvents and some paints that may have been burned or allowed to seep through the other wastes.

The Rifle Range Chemical Dump (Site No. 69) was set aside in about 1950 to receive toxic waste materials. A complete inventory was kept of types of wastes, amounts, and position of burial. These records have been lost, but according to a former base safety officer, an estimated 50 barrels of DDT, other pesticides, trichloroethylene sludge, wood preservative compounds, training agents (like "tear gas"), and PCBs (some in sealed cement septic tanks) were buried here. The surface area is about 6 acres and the volume of disposed materials may be as high as 93,000 cubic yards. This site was closed in 1978. Storage Lot 140 and Building TP-451 are currently designated as long-term hazardous waste storage areas.

Before a pollution control program was implemented in the early 1970s, it was common to spread waste oils and other POL materials on road surfaces for dust control. As many as 1,400 gallons per week were disposed of in this way. There are five sites (Nos. 5, 31, 33, 34, and 56) which are noted for this type of disposal. Wastes were collected from various maintenance shops on the station at intervals throughout the year. There was no regulated collection practice, and substantial quantities were flushed to drains that emptied into the New River.

Some characteristics of the waste oil currently generated are presented in Table 6-4. The data show significant levels of metals such as lead (376 mg/l) and zinc (475 mg/l). Cadmium, copper, chromium, and barium were also at elevated levels. Amounts of volatile organic compounds were found in the parts-per-billion (ppb) range with the exception of phenols (20 mg/l). These data emphasize the potential contamination which could result from improper disposal of waste oils. It is recognized that past practice in many vehicle maintenance shops allowed oil to seep into the soil on site and cause contamination. This generally has been stopped and current (1982) controls regulate collection and proper disposal of these materials.

6.6.3 Chemical and Training Agent Disposal. For the purpose of this report, a chemical agent is defined as a chemical that is capable of producing lethal or damaging effects on humans and which exists solely for that potential use. Chemical agents differ from training agents in that the latter are authorized for use in training people to function in a chemical environment. Training agents produce irritating/incapacitating

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Table 6-4. Constituents in Waste Oil, MCB Camp Lejeune, 1981

Component	Concentration (mg/l)
Antimony	<0.02
Arsenic	<0.002
Barium	1.08
Beryllium	<0.005
Cadmium	1.88
Chromium	0.16
Copper	4.44
Lead	376.0
Mercury	<0.002
Nickel	0.36
Selenium	<0.002
Silver	0.16
Thallium	<0.1
Zinc	475.0
Toluene	0.012
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.004
Phenol	20

Source: LANTNAVFACENGCOM, 1981.

effects at low concentrations and are not lethal except at much higher concentrations. (Definitions adapted from Departments of Army and Air Force, 1975).

Information obtained from various sources indicates that some type of chemical warfare training has always been present at Camp Lejeune. Information has not been found to conclusively indicate whether or not chemical agents were present on-base. Information is also lacking which conclusively indicates whether, if present in large quantities, these agents were present in forms strictly usable as training aids or as stores for chemical warfare use.

Supporting the argument of chemical agent presence is the fact that, in the early 1950s, adequate storage facilities to maintain a supply of chemical agents did exist on-base. One unconfirmed report of phosgene vials being found on-base and other details of eyewitness observations tend to add credibility to this supposition. (These reports will be presented later in this section.)

The argument against chemical agent presence is supported by the fact that, historically, the development and storage of chemical agents has been assigned to the Army and Air Force with minimal Marine Corps involvement. Also, there is only a small probability that domestic or captured chemical agents were returned to Camp Lejeune from overseas war zones.

Most reported observations of "gas" disposal are consistent with training agent disposal. Training agents were sometimes spread as solids over areas used for training exercises. Disposal of large quantities of these training agents (e.g., drums of wet material that would not disperse properly) would be consistent with the Camp Lejeune training mission.

To summarize the "chemical agent presence question," there is little evidence supporting it. However, absence of information cannot be construed as evidence that large quantities of chemical agents were never present or disposed of on-base.

The remaining portions of this section will present a summary of the salient details and observations reported by former and current base employees regarding "gas" disposal operations. Data that might assist in the identification of the disposed material are presented.

Only one unconfirmed report of a chemical agent at Camp Lejeune was found. Recollections of an interviewed staff member were that in 1958 or 1959, during construction of Air Station housing north of Curtis Road, a bulldozer operator uncovered some glass ampules or vials. Both the operator and his supervisor smelled an odor of "new-mown hay." Subsequently, the area was cleared to a depth of 18 inches and a total of eight broken or intact vials were found. The staff member believed the vials had been "sent away" and were determined to contain phosgene. However, no written documentation or other verbal reports of this

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incident were found. The reported odor is consistent with the odor of phosgene.

It is believed that if these vials did indeed contain phosgene, they were most likely training aids for troop education.

Three other incidences of "gas" burials have been identified (see Site Nos. 69, 75, and 76). These usually involved reports of Marines being present, sometimes with protective clothing. Care was usually exercised during unloading from trucks and placement in pits to ensure the integrity of 55-gallon drums and possibly 5-gallon cans. Some drums were rusty, while others were in good condition. Drums were painted various colors. Some drums were described as being much lighter than drums filled with oil.

At one of these incidents, some drums broke open, releasing a yellow or brown liquid that appeared like fuel oil but was not fuel oil. No distinctive odor was reported. No protective equipment or clothing was worn by the delivery and unloading personnel. The color and appearance are similar to various chemical agents, i.e., distilled mustard gas, nitrogen mustards, and lewisite. The lack of a distinctive odor may have been due to the fact that these agents have vapor densities 5 to 7 times greater than air and vapors may have been confined to the bottom of the pit. Despite these similarities, it is unlikely that such material would be handled by personnel without any protective equipment or clothing. However, this does not conclusively eliminate the possibility that these chemicals were present.

These three drum disposal incidences probably involved disposal of training agents, most probably chloroacetophenone (CN), as a solid or dissolved in one or more solvents. CN dissolved in chloroform, in chloropicrin and chloroform, or in carbon tetrachloride and benzene becomes the different training agents CNC, CNS, and CNB, respectively. The most probable liquid training agent would have been CNC. CN or another training agent, o-chlorobenzylidene malonitrile (CS), may have been present in the "much lighter than oil" drums. CS was developed around the time of the Korean War and replaced CN, which was developed in 1915. Both CS and CN have similar bulk densities (CS is about 0.25 g/cc), and both were stored and handled in 55-gallon drums.

6.7 SITES.

6.7.1 Introduction. A total of 76 waste disposal sites have been identified at MCB Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River, and HOLF Oak Grove. The sites are listed in Table 6-5, and are located on maps included with this section. For many sites, photographs have been included with the site reports. These show limited information regarding foliage, land use, and topography near sites.

The confirmation study ranking system (model) has been applied to these sites. A total of 54 sites were judged not to require further consideration. These sites include 12 at MCAS New River, 3 at HOLF Oak

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Grove, and 39 at MCB Camp Lejeune. Five MCAS New River plus 17 MCB Camp Lejeune sites have been judged to require further assessment. These judgments were based on factors such as type of waste material and potential for migration.

Summaries of pertinent information concerning all sites are given in Table 6-5.

6.7.2 Sites Requiring Confirmation. The 22 sites requiring confirmation are described on individual forms in this section. The remaining 54 sites excluded from further consideration are described in Section 6.7.3 using similar, but abridged, forms.

Table 6-5. Disposal Sites at Camp Lejeune Complex*

Site No.	Site Description	Dates Used	Material Deposited	Public Works Development Map Sheet and Coordinates
1**	French Creek Liquids Disposal Area	Late 1940s to mid-1970s	Waste battery acid, POL	11 C7/D7
2**	Former Nursery/Day-Center (Bldg. 712)	1945-1958	Various pesticides	5, K10
3	Old Creosote Plant	1951-1952	Trash, general debris	5, N11-12/O11-12
4	Sawmill Road Construction Debris Dump	Unknown	Asphalt, old bricks, and cement	5, N14-15/O14-15
5	Piney Green Road	Unknown	Waste oil for dust control	6, G4/H4
6**	Storage Lots 201 & 203	1940s-Present	Metals, DDT, PCBs	6, F3-4/G3-4/H2-4/J2-4/
7	Tarawa Terrace Dump	1972	Construction debris, STP filter, sand, household trash	3, F4
8	Flammable Storage Warehouse Bldg. TP451 & TP452	Current	Flammables	6, K3
9**	Fire Fighting Training Pit	1960s-Present	JP-4, JP-5, solvents	6, K3/L3
10	Original Base Dump	Pre-1950	Construction debris	6, G2/H2
11	Pest Control Shop	1976-1982	Pesticide storage, beta buttons, animal carcasses with low-level radiation	10, F10
12	Explosive Ordnance Disposal	Early 1960s	Ordnance burned or exploded, colored smokes, white phosphorus	20, G9
13	Golf Course Construction Dump Site	1944	Clippings, branches, some asphalt	7, G12-13
14	Knox Area Rip-Rap	1973	Broken concrete and asphalt	2, L16-17/M16-17
15	Montford Point Dump, 1948-1954	1948-1958	Litter, asphalt, STP sand	2, M9-10
16**	Montford Point Burn Dump, 1958-1972	1958-1972	Garbage, waste oils, asbestos	2, N11-12
17	Montford Point Area Rip-Rap	1968-Unknown	Concrete rubble	2, N9/O9

Table 6-5. Disposal Sites at Camp Lejeune Complex* (Continued Page 2 of 5)

Site No.	Site Description	Dates Used	Material Deposited	Public Works Development Map Sheet and Coordinates
18	Watkins Village (E) Site	1976-1978	Construction materials and debris	7, L21
19	Naval Research Lab Dump	1956-1960	Radioactive contaminated animals, empty tanks, scrap metals	10, E10/F10
20	Naval Research Lab Incinerator	1956-1960	Some ash, debris	10, F10
21**	Transformer Storage Lot 140	1950-Present	PCB spill, DDT, transformer oil	10, I15
22**	Industrial Area Tank Farm	1979	Fuel (leaks)	10, J15
23	Roads and Grounds, Bldg. 1105	1957-1960	Pesticide, herbicide storage	10, J15
24**	Industrial Area Fly Ash Dump	1972-Approx. 1980	Fly ash and cinders, WTP sludge, STP sludge, construction debris	10, L16-17/M16-17
25	Base Incinerator	1940-1960	Burned trash, melted glass	10, G8
26	Coal Storage Area	Present	Coal storage runoff	10, L12
27	Naval Hospital Area Rip-Rap	1970-Unknown	Concrete, granite rip-rap erosion control	10, P5
28**	Hadnot Point Burn Dump	1946-1971	Solid wastes, industrial wastes, garbage, trash, oil-based paint	10, Q13-14/R13-14
29	Base Sanitary Landfill	1972-Present	Garbage, construction debris, general trash	11, A12/B12-13/C12-13/D13
30**	Sneads Ferry Road-Fuel Tank Sludge Area	1970	Sluge from fuel storage tank, tetraethyl lead and related compounds	18, G12
31	Engineering Stockage-G-4 Range Road	1950-early 1970s	Waste oils	20, G7-8/H3-8/I1-7/J1-5
32	French Creek	1973-1979	Rip-rap dumped	11, F3/G3-4/H4