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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

On 15 May 2002 spoke with Major Les Reed, HQMC (CL) regarding disposition of internal correspondence (electronic or otherwise) and draft comments that were previously incorporated into the Lejeune administrative record assembled by the Camp Lejeune EMD. Many of these documents would otherwise qualify to be withheld from public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) as part of agency "deliberative process." Major Reed, reiterated that it is the USMC's policy to disclose pertinent "records" related to past water contamination at Camp Lejeune to the maximum extent practicable provided such documents are not covered by the AC or AWP privileges. This was consistent with previous guidance received on the matter from Mr. Peter Murphy. Accordingly, in my screening of the administrative record prior to its scanning into a publicly accessible database, I did not remove "deliberative process" documents unless there was legal counsel involvement in the documents' generation.

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