

12 MAY 2000

Commanding General (Attn: Base Legal Officer)
Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune N.C. 28542

Subj: Claim/Counselling Procedures Re: Public Health Assessment;
ATSDR/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Volatile Organic
Compound Exposure in the MCB water supply.

Dear Sir,

Your office is no doubt aware that the Agency for Toxic Substances
and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Environmental Protection Agency
have identified MCB, CLWC as a major joint source contributor to
the VOC contamination of the base water supply over a long time period.

My family lost a young son born at CLWC in 1967 to adverse
birth outcomes that match in great detail the predicted toxicological
effects of the presence of VOC's in the water supply and especially
hazardous to children exposed while in utero.

What procedures or programs does MCB have in place now to
counsel and/or to accept claims for personal injury or wrongful
death?

Disclosure of this contamination problem comes many years after the
fact. While disheartening to find that human error and bad judgment
may have been instrumental in the death of my son, I think some
soulight may be lying the fog of environmental ignorance and the
refusal of federal agencies to comply with federal environmental guide-
lines.

This issue of contamination may impact many Marine families as
I am not convinced that maximum efforts have been made to
contact those Marines and their families that have resided on
base and at Tarawa Terrace over the years. I believe all
USMC oriented magazines/publications should make the issue known
and that HQMC should issue an AWMAR to highlight the seriousness
of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,

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