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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Registrant:

Thank you for participating in the Camp Lejeune Drinking Water Registry. The purpose of the registry is to help us notify individuals who may have lived or worked aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune between 1957 and 1987 of potential exposure to contaminated drinking water. The primary contaminants involved were two solvents, trichloroethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene (PCE), chemicals that were not regulated by either the state or Federal governments during that time period. In addition, the registry will allow us to provide information to participants when ongoing scientific studies are complete.

An independent public health agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), is currently conducting a health study of individuals who lived at Camp Lejeune. They are working to identify when the drinking water could have reached a level of potential concern, who may have been in contact with the water, and whether there is an association between exposure to the chemicals in the drinking water and certain adverse health conditions. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) also began a comprehensive study in April 2007 to determine potential health impacts. The Marine Corps is providing data, access, and logistical assistance to these agencies to fully support their efforts. When the studies are completed, we will work with ATSDR and NAS to publicize their results. ATSDR and NAS currently project that their studies will be complete in 2008. For complete details regarding the ATSDR study, please visit the ATSDR website at [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune) or call them at 1-800-232-4636. For information about the NAS study, please visit the NAS website at <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/projectview.aspx?key=48824>.

Taking care of our own is important to the Marine Corps. We want to assure Marines, family members, and civilians who now live or work at Camp Lejeune that our current water supply is safe to drink and meets drinking water standards. For those people who may have been exposed to the contaminated water in the past, the Marine Corps is doing its best to determine what this exposure may mean by supporting the ongoing health studies. We are also committed to notifying past Camp Lejeune residents and workers about this issue and the results of the studies. However, because our records are not complete and do not go back to 1957, we need your help in locating other individuals who may have been exposed. Please encourage other Marines, Sailors, and civilians you know who may have lived or worked aboard Camp Lejeune between 1957 and 1987 to register on our website at [www.usmc.mil/clsurvey](http://www.usmc.mil/clsurvey). They can also register by calling the Camp Lejeune Water Study Hotline at 877-261-9782. By registering, they will help us to ensure the widest dissemination of updated information once the studies are completed.

Sincerely,

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