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George Radford
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Dear Mr. Radford:

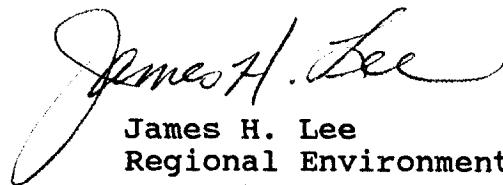
Due to scheduling conflicts my assistant, Gregory Hogue, and I were unable to attend the Technical Review Committee Meeting held on February 20, 1992, concerning sites at Camp Lejeune. My assistant has been in contact with Tom Ausburger of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Raleigh Field Office, who attended the meeting and discussed the highlights of the meeting.

The discussion with Mr. Ausburger revealed that some confusion may exist over trusteeship responsibility. As Mr. Ausburger correctly pointed out, the FWS is not a trustee for natural resources under management of the Department of the Interior. The Secretary of the Interior is the designated trustee and the Office of Environmental Affairs oversees and provides guidance on the Department's responsibilities as a natural resource trustee under CERCLA. The FWS's role with regard to CERCLA activities is to provide the EPA and potential responsible parties with technical assistance during the preparation and review of CERCLA documents, studies, and reports. The FWS serves as the Department's functional expert in several different areas including environmental contaminants and endangered species. If warranted, Gregory Hogue or I would be available to give a short presentation on our trust responsibilities under CERCLA at one of your future meetings.

It is my understanding that minutes of the meeting will be available. I would appreciate a copy of such for my records. The Department has a continuing interest in your Installation Restoration Program, and I would like to remain on your mailing

list for notification of meetings and review of documents. Thank you for keeping me informed on the status of Camp Lejeune. If you have any questions or comments I can be reached at 404/331-4524.

Sincerely,



James H. Lee
Regional Environmental Officer

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