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Mr. Michael Kelly, Acting Chief
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RE: Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune NPL Site
Jacksonville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Kelly:

It has come to my attention that the State of North Carolina may have significant comments on the Draft Interim Record of Decision for the shallow aquifer in the Hadnot Point Industrial Area of the subject facility. It is my understanding from Ms. Michelle M. Glenn, of my staff, that the questions and comments raised by the parties to the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) were discussed in on-site meetings conducted in April 1992. The main concern expressed by the State was the issue of pretreatment of the extracted groundwater. EPA's understanding of the agreement reached at that meeting is that the Navy/Marine Corps agreed to undertake pilot tests during the development of the Remedial Design to demonstrate and document that pretreatment by air stripping or carbon adsorption was unnecessary.

A great deal of time and effort has been expended by our staffs and the Department of Defense to maintain an acceptable schedule in the process of beginning remediation of this contaminated aquifer. The draft Record of Decision was provided to all parties to the FFA on June 15, 1992. Comments on the Draft Record of Decision were submitted to the Navy by EPA on July 13, 1992. In order to meet the agreed upon ROD signature date of September 5, 1992 (or earlier) EPA encourages the State to submit comments as soon as possible. This is particularly important if the State intends to change its agreement regarding pretreatment requirements.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (404) 347-3016. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Michael J. Hartnett, Chief
DOD Remedial Section

cc: George Radford, MCB
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