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BASE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
Marine Corps Base
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542

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From: Base Maintenance Officer
To: Joint Public Affairs Officer
Via: Regional Preventive Medicine Officer

Subj: Safe Drinking Water Act; public notification of

Ref: (a) FoneCon btwn Sgt Proctor, JPAO, and Mr. Wooten, BMaintDept,
on 2 Oct 78
(b) EPA Federal Register on National Interim Primary Drinking
Water Regulations dtd 24 Dec 75
(c) SJA ltr SJA/JAJ/jms 11300 of 5 Oct 78

Encl: (1) Public Notification

1. As discussed during reference (a), enclosure (1) has been prepared in accordance with references (b) and (c) and is submitted for printing in the Globe and release to a local radio and TV station serving the Camp Lejeune area.
2. Reference (b) requires three consecutive publications in the local newspaper immediately following a violation. Only one release to a local radio and TV station is necessary.

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NOTICE OF WATER QUALITY READING

The Base Maintenance Department of the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, operates eight separate water systems to supply the water needs of the entire Camp Lejeune/New River complex. During routine testing of the system serving the Courthouse Bay area, one water sample showed a coliform bacteria concentration above the norm for that system. Subsequent water samples for coliform within that system indicated that no bacteria were present. Coliform bacteria is not a disease producing organism. Its presence merely suggests that conditions may be appropriate for the growth of other disease carrying organisms. Since subsequent testing indicated that no coliform bacteria was present, there is no cause for concern.

The Base Maintenance Department is continuing to search for the cause of this one abnormal reading as well as to monitor all the water systems aboard the Base to ensure compliance with water quality standards and the reporting requirements set by the Public Health Service Act as amended.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Regional Preventive Medicine Officer, extension 451-5707.

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