

11 MAY 2000

Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
Atlanta Federal Center
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Subj: Request for EPA Regulatory Action Data

Dear Sir,

The ATSDR Federal Facilities Assessment Branch prepared a "Public Health Assessment" for the Camp Lejeune Military Reservation (CERCLIS No. NEG170022580). That assessment noted/confirmed the existence of volatile organic compounds in the drinking water at CLWC from sources in place since 1940.

The assessment further noted "The major health concerns of these low-level VOC exposures are adverse birth outcomes and cancer in children exposed to VOC's in utero."

I realize that ATSDR is not a regulatory agency and is a agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Since ATSDR advises the EPA on health aspects of hazardous waste spills or sites I assume in this case they made recommendations to EPA as to specific actions that EPA could enact by law.

Based on these assumptions I have some questions that EPA II is requested to advise me of action taken in the Camp Lejeune Contaminated matter.

I am desirous of knowing what actions EPA directed be taken by the identified joint source polluters and the nature of ad disposition of claims that may have been filed as a result of these violations. Have personal claims for damages resulting from the presence of VOC's in the CLWC water ~~significantly~~ been made against the U.S. Marine Corps, the ABC Cleaners, the State of North Carolina, Onslow County or the EPA **CLW**


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If such claims have been made I would like available information on these suits/claims and their legal outcomes.

I would also appreciate knowing if a class action suit relating to this pollution matter has been filed within the judicial system of the United States or the State of North Carolina and, if so, the correct address for the cognizant court.

Questions regarding prior individual/personal claims relative to the VBC pollution and effects have been made of the Marine Corps Legal office at Camp Lejeune without success to date.

I look forward to your reply -

Respectfully submitted,

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