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Commanding General (Attn: Base Legal Officer)
Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune N.C. 28542

Subj: Claim/Counseling Procedures Re: Public Health Assessment,
ATSDR/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Volatile Organic
Compound Exposure in the MCB water supply.

Dear Sir,

Your office is no doubt aware that the Agency for Toxic Substances
and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Environmental Protection Agency
have identified MCB, CMC as a major joint source contributor to
the VOC contamination of the base water supply over a long time period.

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What procedures or programs does MCB have in place now to
counsel and/or to accept claims for personal injury or wrongful
death?

Disclosure of this contamination problem comes many years after the
fact. While disheartening to find that human error and bad judgment
may have been instrumental [REDACTED] think some
sunlight may be lifting the fog of environmental ignorance and the
refusal of federal agencies to comply with federal environmental guide-
lines.

This issue of contamination may impact many Marine families and
I am not convinced that maximum efforts have been made to
contact those Marines and their families that have resided on
base and at Tarawa Terrace over the years. I believe all
USMC oriented magazines/publications should make the issue known
and that HQMC should issue an ALMHR to highlight the seriousness
of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,
[Signature]
MAYOR, USMC (Ret)

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