



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
3000 MARINE CORPS PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20350-3000

RECEIVED FEB 10 2021

IN REPLY REFER TO:
5090
LF

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a registrant in the Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water (CLHDW) Notification Database, we want to keep you informed of public health activities being conducted by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and benefits that may be available to you from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ATSDR is currently conducting two public health activities as part of their ongoing efforts to increase scientific knowledge on potential connections between past exposure to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune and adverse health effects.

1. Cancer Incidence Study: This study is investigating whether the contaminants that were present in the drinking water in years past are associated with increased risks of specific cancers among people who were exposed either at work or while living on base.
2. Vapor Intrusion Public Health Assessment: This assessment is evaluating whether people's health might be harmed from exposures to indoor air contamination that may have resulted from vapor intrusion on Camp Lejeune. Vapor intrusion can occur when contaminants in groundwater and/or soil vaporize, and the vapors move up into the indoor air in overlying buildings.

Completion dates have yet to be confirmed, but ATSDR estimates that information on remaining public health activities may be available to the public as early as 2022. For more information about these and other ATSDR public health activities, visit <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/> or call (800) 232-4636.

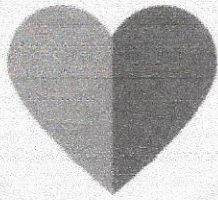
A CLHDW Resource Guide is enclosed that provides potential benefits, support organizations, completed and ongoing studies, and other resources for those who may have been affected by past exposure to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune. The Guide consolidates information from the Marine Corps, VA, and ATSDR as a convenient reference for individuals to find further information on CLHDW.

The health and welfare of our Marines, Sailors, their families and our civilian workers are top priorities for the Marine Corps. We continue to work diligently to identify and notify individuals who may have been exposed to chemicals in the drinking water while at Camp Lejeune and keep them informed about this important issue. For more information about these efforts, or to update your contact information, please visit <http://www.marines.mil/clwater/>, contact the Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Call Center at (877) 261-9782, or e-mail clwater@usmc.mil. Please share this information with anyone who may have been at Camp Lejeune in 1987 or prior years and encourage them to register with us.

Semper Fidelis,

E. D. BANTA
Major General, USMC
Assistant Deputy Commandant
Installations and Logistics (Facilities)

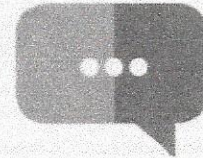
Enclosure: CLHDW Resource Guide



Benefits Qualification & Eligibility

Per the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012, Veterans who served at Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River for at least 30 cumulative days from August 1953 through December 1987, and their family members, are eligible for health care benefits. The VA may pay you back for your out-of-pocket health care costs that were related to 15 qualifying health conditions. Active duty, reserve, and National Guard members diagnosed with one or more of eight presumptive conditions are also eligible for disability compensation. Learn more at: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/>.

Civilian employees who believe they may have been impacted by past exposure to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune should work through the Department of Labor Office of Workers Compensation Programs. For more information, visit <https://www.dol.gov/owcp/>.



ATSDR Health Activities and Community Involvement

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is a federal public health agency supporting ongoing efforts to increase scientific knowledge on potential connections between past exposure to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune and adverse health effects. These activities include public health assessments, health studies, and water modeling. Information on ATSDR's findings, ongoing studies, and opportunities for community involvement can be found at <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/>.



CLHDW Call Center

For questions, please contact the CLHDW Call Center, available Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Eastern. The Call Center can be reached at (877) 261-9782 or by email at clwater@usmc.mil.

Other Resources

The CLHDW Notification Database and Call Center provide a wealth of information for registrants and other interested parties. Partnerships with USMC, Veteran, and health organizations help to meet the needs of affected individuals. In addition to the resources available through those tools, the following organizations and programs are frequently useful to those seeking further information.

- **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry** (800) 232-4636
- **National Personnel Records Center** (for military record requests) (314) 801-0800
- **Office of the Judge Advocate General** (202) 685-4600
- **VA Healthcare** (877) 222-8387
- **VA Benefits** (800) 827-1000
- **Camp Lejeune Family Member Program** (866) 372-1144
- **Base Housing Records** (910) 451-0600
- **Civilian Employees/Department of Labor** (866) 692-7487
- **Veteran Crisis Line** (800) 273-8255

