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**CAMP
LEJEUNE** | HISTORIC
DRINKING
WATER

CHEMICALS AND EXPOSURE (Who may have been exposed? – page 9)

Best estimates from water modeling indicate that some of the base's water was affected by chemicals beginning in 1953. More information regarding these results can be found by visiting the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry website, <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/hadnotpoint.html>.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL (Where can I file a claim with the government for an illness that I believe is potentially related to the past drinking water at Camp Lejeune, Family Members and Other Persons' Claims? – page 11)

On August 6, 2012, President Barack Obama signed into law the "Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012." For more information, please see "ROLE OF OTHER AGENCIES" (What is the role of the Department of Veterans Affairs?).

NOTIFICATION AND OUTREACH (page 13)

For the most current registrant count, visit www.marines.mil/clwater.

ROLE OF OTHER AGENCIES (What is the ATSDR studying at Camp Lejeune? – page 15)

The ATSDR has also initiated a study of male breast cancer and a cancer incidence study.

ROLE OF OTHER AGENCIES (When can I expect to have answers from the scientific studies related to past water contamination at Camp Lejeune? – page 16)

The ATSDR currently estimates that its studies will be completed as follows:

- **Childhood cancers and birth defects study** – Results released via journal article December 5, 2013
- **Mortality study** – Results of military cohort released via journal article February 19, 2014
- **Mortality study of civilians** – Results of civilian cohort released via journal article August 13, 2014
- **Adverse pregnancy reanalysis** – 2015
- **Male breast cancer study** – 2015
- **Health survey (morbidity) study** – 2015
- **Cancer incidence study** – TBD

ROLE OF OTHER AGENCIES (What is the role of the Department of Veterans Affairs? – page 17)

On August 6, 2012, President Barack Obama signed into law the "Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012." Veterans and family members who served on active duty or resided at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between January 1, 1957, and December 31, 1987, may be eligible for medical care for 15 health conditions. The Department of Veterans Affairs offers more information about health benefits and eligibility at <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/>.

TIMELINE (page 18–19)

2014:

- **August 13, 2014** – The results of ATSDR’s “Mortality study of civilian employees exposed to contaminated drinking water at USMC Base Camp Lejeune: A retrospective cohort study” are published.
- **February 19, 2014** – The results of ATSDR’s “Evaluation of mortality among Marines and Navy personnel exposed to contaminated drinking water at USMC Base Camp Lejeune: A retrospective cohort study” are published.

2013:

- **December 5, 2013** – The results of ATSDR’s “Evaluation of exposure to contaminated drinking water and specific birth defects and childhood cancers at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina: A case – control study” are published.
- **March 15, 2013** – The ATSDR releases its “Chapter A: Summary and Findings” water modeling report for the Hadnot Point and Holcomb Boulevard Water Treatment Plants and Vicinities.

2012:

- **August 6, 2012** – President Obama signs “Honoring America’s Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012” into law. The Department of Veterans Affairs begins providing health care to eligible Camp Lejeune Veterans.

LINKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (page 21)

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR):

“Chapter A: Summary and Findings” water modeling report for the Hadnot Point and Holcomb Boulevard Water Treatment Plants and Vicinities Fact Sheet:

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/hadnotpoint.html>

“Evaluation of exposure to contaminated drinking water and specific birth defects and childhood cancers at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina: A case – control study”: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/update.html>

“Evaluation of mortality among Marines and Navy personnel exposed to contaminated drinking water at USMC Base Camp Lejeune: A retrospective cohort study”: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/mortalitystudy.html>

“Mortality study of civilian employees exposed to contaminated drinking water at USMC Base Camp Lejeune: A retrospective cohort study”:
<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/civilianmortalitystudy.html>

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA):

VA Healthcare Benefits: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/>

VA Healthcare Benefits Fact Sheet: http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications/IB10-449_camp_lejeune_water_contamination_rev3_13.pdf