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Dear Sir or Madam:

You are receiving this letter because you are currently registered in the Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water (CLHDW) Notification Database. Our aim is to keep you informed of ongoing developments related to the program, public health activities conducted by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

This year, we want to highlight ongoing benefits provided by the VA for Veterans and their family members who were potentially exposed to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune from August 1, 1953, through December 31, 1987. Enclosed is a fact sheet detailing these benefits. For more detailed information, visit the VA's website at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camplejeune.

Additionally, the ATSDR continues to conduct public health activities related to the CLHDW. ATSDR's study "Evaluation of Mortality Among Marines, Navy Personnel and Civilian Workers Exposed to Contaminated Drinking Water at USMC Base Camp Lejeune: A Cohort Study" has been published in a journal, Environmental Health, Volume 23. For links to this and the latest information from the ATSDR, please visit their website at www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/index.html.

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 contact the CLHDW Call Center at (877) 261-9782, e-mail clwater@usmc.mil, or visit www.marines.mil/clwater.

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. To aid this effort, an informative postcard has been enclosed so that you may share with friends, family, and acquaintances.

Semper Fidelis,

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Enclosure: 1. VA Benefits Fact Sheet

2. CLHDW Postcard Handout