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Dr. Mark Bashor
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Dear Dr. Bashor,

Thank you for your July 17, 1997 letter forwarding the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) proposal to conduct a study of childhood cancer associated with exposures to trichloroethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene (PCE) around Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. As discussed at a September 8, 1997 meeting between representatives from ATSDR and the Department of the Navy, the volatile organic chemicals found in the water supply under investigation came from an off site source, ABC One Hour Cleaners. According to our investigation, this off site source of contamination is a National Priorities Listed Site under the jurisdiction of the EPA. Therefore, in accordance with CERCLA 107(a), it is more appropriate for you to seek funding for the study from the responsible party.

We remain committed to work with you to ensure the protection of personnel on and around Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and will be happy to provide you with any information we have that will facilitate your study.

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