

# Contaminated Drinking Water at Camp Lejeune

If you served at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune or Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River in North Carolina, you may have had contact with contaminants in the drinking water there. Scientific and medical evidence has shown an association between exposure to these contaminants during military service and development of certain diseases later on. If you have qualifying service at Camp Lejeune and a current diagnosis of 1 of the conditions listed below, you may be able to get disability benefits.

You may be able to get disability benefits if you served at Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River for at least 30 cumulative days from August 1953 through December 1987 and:

- You were discharged from the military under conditions other than dishonorable, **and**
- You have a diagnosis of 1 or more of these presumptive conditions:
  - Adult leukemia
  - Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
  - Bladder cancer
  - Kidney cancer
  - Liver cancer
  - Multiple myeloma
  - Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
  - Parkinson's disease

## Who's covered?

- Veterans
- Reservists
- Guardsmen

## What kind of benefits can I get?

- Health care
- Compensation (payments)

## Are Veterans and their family members covered for health care?

Yes. 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—can get health care benefits. We may pay you back for your out-of-pocket health care costs that were related to any of these 15 conditions:

- Bladder cancer
- Breast cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Female infertility
- Hepatic steatosis
- Kidney cancer
- Leukemia
- Lung cancer
- Miscarriage
- Multiple myeloma
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Neurobehavioral effects
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Renal toxicity
- Scleroderma

You'll need to apply for benefits in 1 of 2 ways:

- [Fill out the Camp Lejeune Family Member Application online](#), **or**
- [Download Form 10-10068](#). Fax it to 512-460-5536, or mail it to:
- Proof of your relationship to the Veteran who served on active duty for at least 30 days at Camp Lejeune (like a marriage license or a birth certificate), **and**
- Proof that you lived at Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River for at least 30 days from August 1953 through December 1987 (like utility bills, base housing records, military orders, or tax forms), **and**
- Medical records that show you have 1 of the 15 conditions listed above, **and**
- [The Camp Lejeune Family Member Program Treating Physician Report \(VA Form 10-10068b\)](#). Have your doctor fill out and sign this form before submitting.

## What was in the drinking water?

Two on-base water wells that were shut down in 1985 had these chemicals:

- Trichloroethylene (TCE)
- Perchloroethylene (PCE)
- Benzene
- Vinyl chloride
- Other compounds