

Camp Lejeune: Past Water Contamination

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals.

Eligibility

- Minimum 30 days aboard Camp Lejeune
- August 1, 1953 to December 31, 1987
- Healthcare benefits granted on a case by case basis

Current Law

- Veterans who are determined to be eligible will be able to receive VA health care. In addition, care for qualifying health conditions is provided at no cost to the Veteran (including copayments).

Current Law

- Eligible family members receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred from the treatment of qualifying health conditions after all other health insurance is applied.

Current Law

Qualifying health conditions include:

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

Proposed Changes

Applies Presumption to 8 conditions:

- Leukemia
- Anemia
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Parkinson's Disease
- Bladder Cancer
- Kidney Cancer
- Liver Cancer

Proposed Changes

Public Comment period ended October 10, 2016

New rule will be adopted within 30 days after comment period

Final rule may or may not contain all 8 presumptive conditions

Updates

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- Proposed: <http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/09/10/vets-poisoned-at-camp-lejeune-inch-closer-to-va-benefits.html>
- Current: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp>

