

# Navy investigates 1980s Camp Lejeune water hazard

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In the early 1980s, two solvents - both unregulated at the time - were found in two water systems serving the Tarawa Terrace and Hadnot Point areas: TCE (trichloroethylene) and PCE (perchloroethylene). Certain drinking-water wells were identified as the source of the chemicals, and were taken out of service in 1984 and 1985.

The Department of the Navy is funding two independent research initiatives. [The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry](#) is determining whether an association exists between exposure to the water and certain adverse health effects. The National Academy of Sciences is evaluating specific health risks associated with exposure.

Upon completion of the research, the Marine Corps will directly notify those on the registry through direct mail and e-mail.

Today, the water at [Camp Lejeune](#) meets or exceeds all environmental standards, according to Capt. Amy Malugani, a media officer at Marine Corps Headquarters in Arlington, Va. She says that drinking-water wells at Camp Lejeune are tested four times a year for volatile organic compounds, in addition to monthly drinking water sampling. The base is in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations to ensure safe drinking water.