



# Proposed Process for Providing Medical Opinions for Camp Lejeune Claims

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- Claims related to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune pose a unique challenge for determining a medical nexus between environmental exposures and adverse health outcomes
- VHA's Office of Disability and Medical Assessment (DMA) has established a list of Subject Matter Experts uniquely qualified to provide advisory opinions for these claims
- This briefing reviews the proposed program, progress to date; next steps; and communications plan.
- Requesting approval to deploy the program



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- All claims related to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune are managed through the Louisville Regional Office (RO):
- After claims development by RO, a medical opinion, if needed will be routed to one of the subject matter experts on the panel
- If additional examination of residuals resulting from a claimed disability is necessary, that exam will take place at the VHA facility closest to the Veteran