

# Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water (CLCW) Consultation Service

- Office of Disability Management Assessment (DMA) created the CLCW consultation service in FY 13 to ensure the latest scientific literature is utilized in developing medical opinions related to CLCW disability claims.
- Veterans who served at Camp Lejeune, NC from 1954 to 1987 can apply for disability benefits due to the exposure of contaminated water.
- The service has 31 subject matter experts (SME). The SMEs complete a week long training course onsite at the Louisville, KY Regional Office where they are taught how to develop a defensible medical opinion and exposure assessment.
- Each SME has a background in one of the three areas; occupational medicine, environmental health or toxicology.
- DMA have completed ~1,800 CLCW medical opinions fiscal year to date. This is an 80% increase from FY 13.
- The number of CLCW disability claims will continue to grow as more Veterans become aware of the program. DMA will continue to work closely with VBA to provide technically sound medical opinions to support this cohort