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Commander, Atlantic Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Code 1822
Attn: Ms. Laurie A. Boucher, P.E.
Remedial Project Manager for MCB Camp Lejeune
Norfolk, Virginia 23511-6287

RE: Draft Final Community Relations Plan
MCB Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Boucher:

Enclosed are Environmental Protection Agency comments on the Draft Final Community Relations Plan (CRP) for MCB Camp Lejeune, NC.

As presented, the CRP is too general in nature when addressing community relations activities and schedules of events. Specific community relation activities should be developed and reflected in the CRP.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (404) 347-3016.

Sincerely yours,

Carl R. Froede Jr.

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jack Butler, NCDEHNR
Ms. Stephanie Del-Re Johnson, MCB Camp Lejeune

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

1. Appendix B is too bulky, and several articles are unreadable. The dates that articles appeared in the various papers are not given. A summary page listing article titles, date printed in paper, and general subject matter could be included to in Appendix B. Within this summary a cross-referencing to the article could be presented.

2. There is no designated Base spokesperson/contact for the public. Because of the transitory nature of the military life, names for contacts may not be appropriate; however, certain positions within various offices could be referenced. This information needs to be added to the CRP.

3. The Community Involvement History section relates the good relationship between the Base and local community. There is no reference as to how the local community has responded to the environmental and hazardous waste problems in the past or present at the Base. Has MCB Camp Lejeune responded to the needs of the local community on these concerns?

4. In the Community Involvement History section a Speakers Bureau is mentioned. How will this Speakers Bureau be used in the RI/FS process?

5. Section 2.3, p. 11 - Community Interview Program refers to community concerns on groundwater, New River contamination, Rifle Range contamination and the proposed new school, the Base aquifer contamination of possible city drinking supplies and the materials needing removal. All of these topics are excellent concerns and issues that are not addressed in the CRP, as far as community relations activities.

6. Section 3.3.2, Local Community and Media Communication Techniques - The community should be given the Repositories' daily hours, whether they are accessible to the handicapped and if copying services are available. A contact name (or position) and telephone number should be given for each repository. There is also an omission of plans for the establishment of the Administrative Record.

7. Section 3.3.2, Local Community and Media Communication Techniques, p. 20 - There is no explanation of how, when and why public meeting/hearings are held. Milestone activities usually are when the public should be presented with new information, plans, etc. The meetings can be formal or informal. A "Kickoff" fact sheet could be used during the RI/FS stage of the investigation to announce new and/or significant information to the public. The fact sheet should be written in a simple nontechnical manner.

8. Appendix E - Questions presented in the interview section were excellent, however, people interviewed were associated with local or county government agencies and special interest groups. MCB Camp Lejeune should provide contact statements from the near-by sites' residents as well (both on and off base). "Average" people are not represented within this CRP.

9. Appendix F - Update contact names to: Carl R. Froede Jr., Remedial Project Manager at EPA Region IV; Shirley Jones, Community Relations Advisor; and add the name of the Technical Assistant Group Coordinator, Region IV, Denise Bland, (404) 347-2234. The CRP needs a reference to the TAG program process including an application.

10. Appendix L - The Community Relations Schedule is the center of the CRP and should be included for review within this document. This schedule should list specific CR activities and events, such that community involvement can be documented regarding the cleanup of hazardous waste sites.