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State of North Carolina
Department of Environment,
Health and Natural Resources

James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor
Jonathan B. Howes, Secretary



March 28, 1995

Dear Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Tier 1 Cleanup Team Members:

On behalf of the EPA Region IV/Navy and Marine Corps/State of North Carolina Environmental Restoration Tier II Partnering Team, we would like to jointly extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your extraordinary accomplishments toward restoring the environment at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in the past year.

As you know, the environmental restoration process is particularly arduous and time consuming. Your team has excelled at restoring sites much faster and cheaper. In 1994 you had three Records of Decision signed, covering five sites, and to date have had five RODs signed for ten sites. You also accelerated the remedial design phases for many sites which had achieved the ROD phase in the previous years. Overall, your sites progressed from the beginning of the RI/FS work plan development phase to the beginning of the remedial construction phase in 24 to 39 months, 26 to 41 months faster than the 65 month standard time frame for an NPL site. Additionally, you saved between \$300,000 and \$500,000 per site, over \$4,000,000 to date, as compared to the standard methodology for conducting studies and designs. Your professional, efficient, and team-oriented performance has been beneficial to the environmental restoration process as a whole and each of our agencies individually.

It is with great pleasure that we offer our gratitude for a job very well done. Thank you for your outstanding efforts.

John H. Hankinson, Jr.
Regional Administrator
Region 4

Sincerely,

Jonathan B. Howes
Secretary