

Camp Lejeune Dates of Service

CLCW SME Training

Right Benefit
Right Veteran
Right Reason

Why do we care about DOS?

- For traditional C&P claims the STRs are reviewed for a nexus injury or illness.
- For CL claims there is no nexus injury or illness per se...if there is then grounds for direct service connection and not CLCW MO (i.e. a veteran treated for GERD/Barrett's during active duty now claiming EAC; RVN service claiming CaP, etc.)

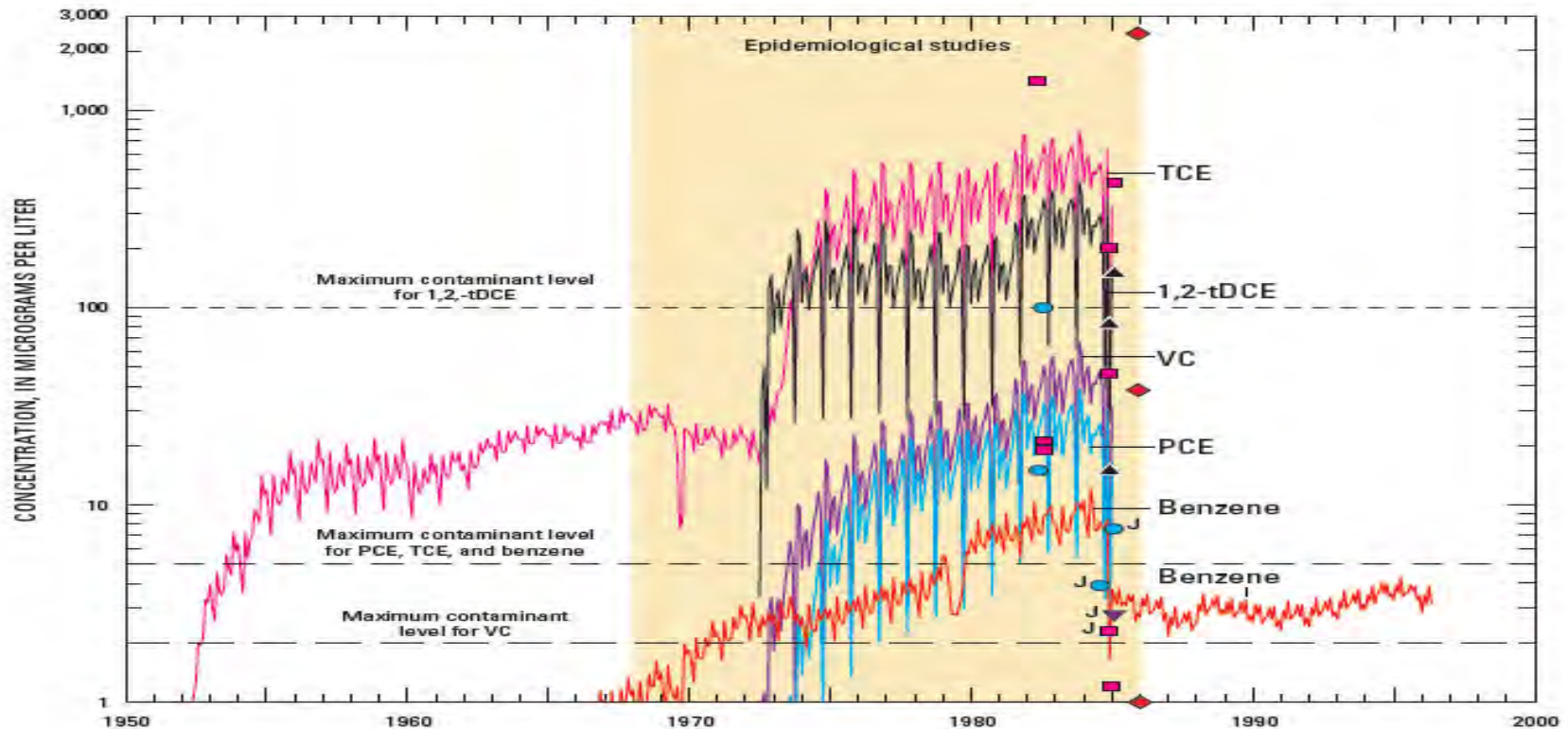
Exposure Determination

- There must be an exposure prior to disease/illness occurrence.
- Sequela(e) of exposure(s) is predicated on exposure method (inhalation, ingestion, absorption, etc.), duration, dose, age (in utero, childhood, adult), and “other factors” (occupation, gender, SHx, FHx and other health factors).
- DOS aid in identify exposure duration, whether persistent or intermittent, and can help to define exposure (not all VOCs at CL present at same time, amount or location)

Exposure Considerations

- The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for trichloroethylene (TCE) was exceeded from August 1953-January 1985. However, the MCLs for PCE/PERC was not exceeded until August 1974-January 1985; vinyl chloride (VC) from November 1972-January 1985; and benzene from January 1979-January 1985 within the Hadnot Point and Holcomb Boulevard water treatment plant service areas. PCE/PERC was elevated in the Tarawa Terrace water treatment areas from November 1957-February 1987.

Reconstructed drinking water concentrations at the HPWTP



EXPLANATION

Concentration in finished water at water treatment plant

Contaminant Measured Reconstructed

PCE		
TCE		
1,2-tDCE		
VC		
Benzene		
J = estimated concentration		



- According to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) facilities at Courthouse Bay, New River, Camp Geiger, Camp Johnson, and the Rifle Range were served by drinking water systems not contaminated by solvents.

Request Date: AUG 01, 2017@10:46:59

RO: LOUISVILLE-RO

Requested By: [REDACTED]

Routing Location: FRANK M TEJEDA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Comments

The veteran was stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC from .June 08, 1962 to August 22, 1962 and at New River from January 20, 1965 to July 20, 1965.

The veteran claims the following conditions are due to exposure to contaminated water while stationed at Camp Lejeune. Please examine and provide the medical opinion requests below.

NOTE TO EXAMINER(s):

Exams Requested:

DBQ Medical Opinion [OPEN]

VBA Concedes DOS

- VBA will provide, on the opinion request, the dates of service at CL based on their review (e.g. Veteran stationed at Camp Lejeune 04/01/1965 – 03/31/1968). This is the period VBA is conceding for exposure.
- If VBA is wrong, that is VBA, and not the contractor.
- There is no requirement that the SME review the personnel records and verify or adjust the CL service dates (time). Doing so is beyond the scope of the contract. Therefore, this should not be happening.