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Mr. R. Paul Wilms, Director
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RE: ASSISTANCE IN ADDRESSING
NEW RIVER WATER QUALITY NEEDS

Dear Mr. Wilms:

The purpose of this letter is to request an informational meeting between Marine Corps Base and your staff. We are proposing this meeting be conducted on May 11, 1988 in the Jacksonville/Camp Lejeune area .

On April 13, 1988, the City of Jacksonville representatives informed us of your decision of January, 1987 to impose nutrient removal on sewage discharges in the New River basin. The information provided by the City indicates a phosphorous effluent limitations of 2 mg/l will likely be required on the Camp Geiger, Tarawa Terrace, and Camp Johnson plants operated by Marine Corps Base.

This decision would have significant impact on the Marine Corps in terms of cost of construction as well as operation and maintenance of these plants. We are very concerned about the quality of New River and are taking great strides to protect that quality.

This proposed meeting would continue the dialogue between us so that the problems of New River can be described to Camp Lejeune staff. This meeting would include the City of Jacksonville and Onslow County officials as you deem advisable. As you could infer from our letters of February 29 and March 21, we are basically unaware of the amount and type of data which you have on New River quality conditions.

From our discussions with the City, it appears that solutions to New River water quality problems may better be pursued on a watershed basis. Joint efforts by point and non-point source discharges in a regional approach should probably be considered. Prior to the Marine Corps obtaining funding for participating in further water quality studies and the construction of multi-

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million dollar sewage treatment facilities, detailed justification of the need for those facilities is required. Thus, we feel the need for a joint session between Base and State staff as well as local government officials in order to initiate the regional studies and engineering analysis required for long-term protection of New River.

Sincerely,

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