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Mr. John Downing
301 Woodview Court
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Dear Mr. Downing:

Congress passed the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) back in the late 1970's. This Act is our nation's hazardous waste management program. Part of this program involves the identification, assessment and cleanup of past hazardous waste disposal sites.

In 1986 the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) passed by Congress made major changes to RCRA and set requirements for Department of Defense cleanup of past hazardous waste disposal sites on military bases.

At Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune we began our assessment in 1983 and have identified numerous sites that will require some cleanup action. Part of this program, which is called our Installation Restoration (IR) program, requires us to establish a Technical Review Committee (TRC) to review and comment on proposed actions to clean up sites of environmental contamination. This TRC must include representatives from federal and state regulatory agencies along with local government and community representatives.

You have been recommended by the City of Jacksonville as a potential community representative to serve on this committee. Technical expertise is not a prerequisite, only an interest in the community and the environment. We at Marine Corps Base would be most pleased to have you serve as a member on our TRC. If you would be willing to serve, please contact me or my deputy, Mr. B.W. Elston, at 451-3034 or 451-5925. Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely,

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Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities
By direction of the Commanding General