

Camp Lejeune Water Contamination

On March 14, 2017, 38 CFR 3.307(a)(7) effectuated a presumption of SC for specific disabilities for Veterans who served no less than 30 days (consecutive or nonconsecutive) at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, based on exposure to contaminants present in the base’s water supply.

Important: This presumption also applies to former reservists and National Guard members if their military record includes orders or other records of no less than 30 days service (consecutive or nonconsecutive) at Camp Lejeune during the contamination period.

All substantially complete claims for compensation containing at least one Camp Lejeune issue will be routed based on the table below.

Note: For the purposes of the table below, RO of jurisdiction (ROJ) is the next available RO in the NWQ environment.

If the claim is for	And evidence shows	And military records document during the contamination period	Then the claim is decided by the
A condition recognized under 38 CFR 3.309(f)	A diagnosis of a 38 CFR 3.309(f) condition	30 days or more of service at Camp Lejeune	ROJ Important: If the claim was received prior to March 14, 2017, ROs must follow the procedures in M21-1, Part IV, Subpart ii, 2.C.6.k
		At least one, but less than 30 days of service at Camp Lejeune	Louisville RO
		No Camp Lejeune service.	ROJ
	No diagnosis	N/A	ROJ
A condition not recognized under 38 CFR 3.309(f), but recognized for healthcare purposes under 38 CFR 17.400	N/A	No Camp Lejeune service	ROJ
		At least one day of Camp Lejeune service	Louisville RO
Any other disability claimed specifically as due to exposure at Camp Lejeune	N/A	No Camp Lejeune service	ROJ
		At least one day of Camp Lejeune service	Louisville RO

Source:

Service at Camp Lejeune, 38 CFR 3.307(a)(7)(iii)
 Rating claims based on Camp Lejeune service, M21-1, Part IV, Subpart ii, 2.C.6,
 Service in the reserves or National Guard, M21-1, Part III, Subpart ii, 6.A.M21-1, Part IV, Subpart ii, 1.H.4.b.