

# CAMP LEJEUNE PLAINTIFFS' LEADERSHIP COUNSEL

## REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CAMP LEJEUNE WATER LITIGATION JULY 9, 2025

**Below is the July 9, 2025, report on the status of the Camp Lejeune Water Litigation from Plaintiffs' Leadership Counsel:**

*Dear Counsel and Pro Se Plaintiffs:*

*The Court conducted a status hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, attended by Plaintiffs' Leadership Group ("PLG") and DOJ counsel. The Honorable Magistrate Judge Robert Jones presided. The Court heard updates from the parties regarding various matters, including:*

**1) DOJ's Motion to Exclude General Causation Opinions in PLG's Experts Specific Causation Reports**

- DOJ filed the Motion. PLG previously communicated with the Court that its response was calculated to be due July 14. DOJ's position is that this is a discovery motion, which provides a deadline of ten days in which to file a response. As a discovery motion, there would be a ten page limit to PLG's response, instead of the 30 page limit for non-discovery motions, and no reply would be permitted. (Subsequent to the status hearing, the court entered an order confirming that PLG's response is due July 14, but the page limits of the response must accord with those set out in the Protocol for discovery motions (ten pages)).*
- PLG's position on the Motion itself is that PLG's reports were disclosed timely, and that the inclusion of references to general causation opinions in specific causation expert reports are appropriate predicates for the experts' specific causation opinion and that general causation and specific causation are interrelated*

**2) Status of PLG's Amended Track 3 Submissions**

- The Court inquired about the status of its submission of amended Track 3 diseases. PLG reported that it is continuing to work on this issue and will have a submission to the Court soon.*

**3) Future Supplementations for Plaintiffs' Ongoing Medical Developments**

- With respect to ongoing medical developments for plaintiffs, DOJ desires that a deadline be set, after which no more supplementations will be allowed.*
- PLG opposes a deadline and proposes that the parties handle the issue on a case-by-case basis. Up to this point, PLG has been providing supplementations with respect to new medical developments and the parties have been conferring with respect to any limited additional discovery regarding the medical developments.*
- DOJ agreed this issue may not be ripe at this time and the parties agreed that they will continue to have discussions about this issue.*

**4) DOJ's Request to Strike Reply or Be Granted Leave to File Surreply**

- DOJ raised an issue about a Reply brief filed by PLG with respect to Phase I Daubert briefing. DOJ takes issue with the Reply brief and intends to seek to strike the Reply or be allowed to file a Surreply. DOJ admitted the issue had not been raised with PLG prior to the status conference and the Court instructed DOJ to meet and confer with PLG on the subject.*

**5) Mediations**

- Bellwether mediations for the 25 Track 1 cases will begin on July 21, 2025, and will continue through August, 2025.*

*The transcript of the July 8, 2025 hearing will be posted by Plaintiffs' Leadership Group on its website upon receipt of same. The next status conference with the Honorable Magistrate Judge Robert Jones will be held on Friday, August 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Wilmington.*

*Please continue to monitor our website for real-time updates: <https://camplejeunecourtinfo.com/>.*

*Respectfully,*

*Plaintiffs' Leadership Group*

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