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Legal Issues

How's that free beer looking!?

The Camp Lejeune PFAS issues encompass military personnel. This case was constructed for one military base affected by AFFF. There are others affected.

"The language of Section 804 provides for monetary relief for those injured by exposure to the Camp Lejeune base and its toxic water. Thirty days of "living" or "working" or "otherwise" being exposed between 1953 and 1987 is the prerequisite for compensation."

Many AFFF state take-back programs are working on collecting firefighting foams manufactured prior to 2003 whereas they should be including all AFFF products to date. The MilSpec AFFF definition required the addition of perfluorinated chemicals.

In July 2024, Miller & Zois, LLC reported 9,525 active lawsuits in the AFFF Products Liability Litigation cases. These lawsuits are predicted to continue for decades. These are being compared to tobacco and asbestos cases.

Per Ralph DeMeo, shareholder with Guilday Law PA, "There's not enough gold in Fort Knox to pay the damages and the settlements that are gonna come out of this. There's just literally not enough money," he said. "There's a lot of concern about bankruptcy."

"Kidde-Fenwal Inc., which manufactured aqueous film forming foam (AFFF), a type of fire suppressant made with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), filed for bankruptcy last year due to potential liabilities." There are many other defendants in the Multi-District Litigation (MDL).

In Europe, professors have noted: "Responsibilities are being shunned. This could become a case of state-facilitated corporate crime, with states, politicians and authorities failing to regulate harmful business activities."

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