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Importance: High

Egan is preparing a story for tomorrow's paper that stitches Flint water to Camp LeJue. Anyone have a minute to discuss this?

Oh, and here's some background that may be helpful.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marine_Corps_Base_Camp_Lejeune

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It's only three basic questions, Brad. I just gave you some extra background and context. 5 p.m.?

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That's not much lead time, Paul. We'll do what we can with this. What's your deadline for response?

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Hi Brad/Angela: I am writing a story for Friday's paper about former Flint Mayor James Sharp, Jr. calling for federal investigations and more comprehensive outreach efforts to contact and test those who may have drank Flint water containing unsafe levels of lead.

Sharp, who was Flint mayor from 1983 to 1987, also has another somewhat unique perspective on the issue of contaminated drinking water. He was a U.S. Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune in the 1950s, where it was later determined drinking water was contaminated with cancer-causing chemicals such as the dry cleaning fluid perchloroethylene.

Sharp told the Free Press in an interview Wednesday that his daughter born on the base, who died at the age of two months, may have been a victim of the toxins.

Sharp said after learning of the contamination in the 1980s, officials created a database and contacted him and thousands of others who may have drank the water.

In 2012, President Obama signed federal legislation providing medical care to those who drank the Camp Lejeune water.

Similar actions, along with investigations by the U.S. Justice Department and FBI, need to be taken in response to the situation in Flint, Sharp said.

Just a couple of questions:

What is the status of the "after action" report requested by the governor?

Does the state believe investigations by the U.S. Justice Department or FBI would be helpful?

What is the state's response to Sharp's suggestion of creating a database of everyone who might have been exposed to the water and attempting to contact and test them?

Thanks, Paul Egan
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