Weekly Report
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Hot Issues:

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE), Wastewater Management Dispute**: Outgoing Assistant Administrator of OLEM, Peter Wright, sent a follow up letter to DOE and TDEC on 01/19/2021, including a table of the Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements that identifies the federal and state regulations to be added to the waste water Focused Feasibility Study.

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE), mercury disposal and discharge to Bear Creek:** The TDEC Deputy Commissioner requested the R4 RA's support for TDEC's proposal for mercury discharge to Bear Creek. The Senior Leadership Team (EPA/TDEC/DOE) discussed on January 13, and referred to the Emerging Issues Team (EIT) for follow-up.

- **Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (DOE):** DOE proposed a new strategy for the 211-A remedy. EPA conferred with KDEP on 01/25/2021, and plans to reconvene with DOE on 1/28/21.

- **Marine Corp Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina:** During the Basewide PFAS investigation, elevated groundwater concentrations of PFOS (13,344 ng/L) and PFOA (808 ng/L) were detected at Camp Davis (part of MCB Camp Lejeune). At this time, there is no known exposure to contaminated water. The area adjacent to the Base is serviced by the Onslow county public water system (ONWASA). An off-base private well survey is underway to determine whether any private wells are present near the Base. The Navy and Marine Corps notified the NC congressional leaders of the situation on 1/26/21. The Navy plans to formally notify ONWASA, city and county officials, DHHS, ATSDR, NCDEQ and EPA in the upcoming weeks. If private wells are identified that serve as drinking water, the Base will provide bottled water until groundwater contamination can be confirmed or denied.

Next Week's Goals:

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE):** begin planning for implementation of the dispute decision.

Contact with Key External Stakeholders:

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE):** The EPA/TDEC/DOE Emerging Issues Team (EIT) met on 1/15/2021. The next meeting will be 1/29/2021. Implementation of the Administrator's decision on waste water discharge, additional public involvement for the EMDF, and the mercury proposal continued to be discussed.