

**February 23, 2026 – DOJ Seeks Broad Offsets That Could Reduce Payouts**

The Department of Justice is arguing that courts should subtract any VA, Medicare, or Medicaid benefits—including potential future benefits—from any award a Camp Lejeune plaintiff wins at trial. Plaintiffs argue this is not what Congress intended when it passed the Camp Lejeune Justice Act and that reducing today's verdicts by speculative future benefits would undercompensate victims. This is a major issue that could impact take-home recovery.

**February 19, 2026 – Litigation Nears a Pressure Point**

Expert discovery on core science is largely complete. The focus has shifted to damages, offsets, and scheduling. Plaintiffs are pushing for Track 1 trial dates; the government is seeking briefing on damages and offsets first. Firm trial dates are often necessary to spur fair settlement talks.

**January 27, 2026 – Expert Rulings and Administrative Bottlenecks**

Over 3,700 lawsuits remain active. The Navy has received more than 400,000 claims, but fewer than half include the documentation needed for settlement consideration. Scientific discovery is mostly complete; discovery on damages and offsets continues. Plaintiffs seek earlier trial dates due to claimant health; the government favors threshold rulings first.

**January 17, 2026 – Discovery Status and Records Production**

General-causation discovery has largely wrapped, but there is ongoing back-and-forth over damages discovery, expert updates, and military records production. Many claims await verification of presence and medical linkage, contributing to slowdowns.

**October 29, 2025 – Expert Disputes Continue**

The government has filed numerous motions aimed at shaping what scientific evidence reaches trial. While such motions rarely eliminate strong claims, they create delays until the court rules.

**September 12, 2025 – Documentation Push for Elective Option**

The Navy continues to scrutinize documentation for Elective Option eligibility. Plaintiffs emphasize that strict paperwork requirements and late federal data productions have slowed progress.

**August 23, 2025 – Litigation Heats Up on Expert Issues**

Expert battles over water models and exposure evidence are central. The court has grouped Track 1 cases (leukemia and non-Hodgkin lymphoma) and is considering structures for additional tracks.

**August 3, 2025 – Elective Option Not Delivering for Most**

Only a narrow subset of claims qualify under the Elective Option, and offers have generally been far below expected trial values. Many victims who can wait may see better outcomes later in litigation.

**July 25, 2025 – Court Balances Expert Evidence**

Plaintiffs' experts may rely on established science disclosed in prior phases, but cannot introduce brand-new analysis after deadlines. This preserves structure while allowing valid scientific testimony.

**July 19, 2025 – Claims Data Snapshot**

Roughly 401,000 administrative claims were filed; only a fraction align with the Elective Option criteria. The rest will move on different paths, including administrative awards and litigation.