



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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The Honorable Richard Hudson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

OFFICE OF WATER

Dear Congressman Hudson:

Thank you for your March 6, 2018, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the release of GenX and related compounds in the Cape Fear River watershed in North Carolina. As you know, the EPA has been working closely with the State of North Carolina to respond to and investigate the release. The EPA recognizes the importance of understanding the potential human health effects of GenX and the need to conduct a thorough investigation of GenX and related compounds to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

A key priority for the EPA is to further the understanding of human health impacts of PFAS to support states and local communities. The EPA is currently developing human health toxicity information for GenX that will provide a scientific basis for states and communities to set or refine public health goals. To further aid states, local communities, and other interested parties in analyzing or managing issues related to GenX chemicals, the EPA recently posted the results of a comprehensive scientific literature review on GenX on the EPA's PFAS website at <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>. Additional toxicity information recently made public by DuPont/Chemours is now also included on the EPA's PFAS website.

In March, the EPA announced plans to host a National Leadership Summit in May in Washington, D.C., to identify solutions to PFAS challenges in drinking water and at contaminated sites. Participants in the summit will share information on ongoing efforts to characterize risks from PFAS and efforts to develop monitoring and treatment/cleanup techniques; identify specific near-term actions to address challenges currently facing states and local communities; and develop risk communication strategies to address public concerns with PFAS. We welcome your office to participate in the summit and will be providing additional information to your office soon. After the summit, the EPA plans to travel to states with communities impacted by PFAS to further engage the public. Using information from the summit and from this community engagement, the EPA expects to release a PFAS Management Plan later this year.

The EPA is currently investigating the effectiveness of different treatment technologies for removing GenX and other PFAS from drinking water, and is working toward developing a standard laboratory analytical method for measuring GenX and other PFAS in drinking water. Taken together, we are confident that these actions will assist local communities to ensure the safety of their citizens, both in the Cape Fear watershed and nationwide.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt Klasen in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov or (202) 566-0780.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Ross".

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