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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I write to you today to ask for your immediate attention to an increasingly important issue effecting many of my constituents and neighboring communities in North Carolina. As you are aware, the chemical GenX continues to spread through areas along the Cape Fear River and has been found in and around drinking water sources at levels above the State's recommended safe level.

As you know, the company Chemours in Bladen County, North Carolina has been discharging the chemical GenX into the air and water surrounding their facility. In 2009, the EPA entered into a consent order with Chemours to regulate the discharge of the chemical into the Cape Fear River. More recently the company agreed to dispose of all waste water containing the chemical at an off sight location. Concerns have arisen that Chemours has violated their consent agreement and litigation is now pending.

Unfortunately, there is a serious lack of information when it comes to the potential health effects of GenX. While the state has a health standard in place there is no scientific evidence on which to base a rational health goal. This is causing serious confusion among stakeholders. Simply put, we do not know enough about the chemical to determine a best plan of action. Simply tracking the levels of exposure is not enough. We need a thorough examination of the chemical to be able to develop a comprehensive plan for containment and removal of GenX.

When you appeared before the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Environment, I asked you what the EPA knew about the chemical and its potential health effects. Following the hearing your staff assured me they were continuing to examine the chemical but were not yet in a place where they could discuss results.

Given the fact that the chemical continues to spread, many parties including state and local government are weighing costly measures to combat GenX. I believe it is critical we have the necessary science to be able to support these efforts and ensure we are doing what is in the community's best interests. I ask that you put a renewed emphasis on this investigation and report back as soon as possible so that we may immediately act to ensure the safety of our citizens. Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Richard Hudson
Member of Congress