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Governor Roy Cooper 116 W. Jones Street Raleigh, NC 27603

Governor Cooper,

I represent House District 19, which is basically the southern portion of New Hanover County, in the General Assembly.

I am very disappointed that Chemours has refused a recent request by the County and the City of Wilmington to have an in-person discussion with local citizens about the situation involving GenX and other emerging compounds.

As I stated during the recent federal Environmental Protection Agency meeting in Fayetteville, what does Chemours have to hide? We need answers, and we deserve answers.

The State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has the authority to revoke Chemours' permit and shut the plant down, but has not done so. As the Senior Chairman of the House Committee on River Quality, I have previously asked DEQ what does Chemours have to do before you cease their operations?

On behalf of all of us that are affected by discharges of GenX into our air and water, I would request that you assist us in asking Chemours to come to Wilmington in order to allow questions and comments by those individuals so affected.

In the event that Chemours refuses to do so, then I respectfully ask that you have DEQ revoke their permit and shut them down until they can absolutely guarantee that they can operate without endangering the quality of our drinking water.



While I don't like for employees to lose their jobs, in this case it is necessary for the greater good of protecting all of those being negatively impacted by operations at the Chemours plant. The sooner Chemours eliminates the pollutants, the sooner they can return to work.

I know that you share my concern for both the environment and the safety of our fellow North Carolinians. I look forward to your response and working together in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Representative Ted Davis, Jr.

cc: New Hanover County Board of Comnissioners Chairman Woody White

Wilmington Mayor Billy Saffo

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Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Michael Regan