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By email to: michael.regan@ncdenr.gov

By USPS to:
Secretary Michael S. Regan
Department of Environmental Quality
217 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: PFAS Contamination in the Cape Fear River

Dear Secretary Regan,

On November 13, 2018, I wrote to you and Dr. Cohen at NCDHHS regarding PFAS in the Cape Fear River. In the letter, I shared a summary of work conducted by professors at UNCW, and I asked for guidance regarding the previously unreported PFAS discovered in the Cape Fear River. I have yet to receive a response from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ).

The recently proposed consent order released by NCDEQ last Wednesday does not include these additional PFAS, nor does it include a host of other PFAS that we regularly detect in our finished drinking water. As a result, we have little understanding of what the State recommends for public water systems with these compounds in their source water.

CFPUA is in the process of designing an upgrade to our Sweeney Water Treatment Plant. The design process would greatly benefit from any additional treatment information that NCDEQ can provide, in addition to any information on future PFAS source control efforts by NCDEQ.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim R. Flechtner".

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