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By email to: michael.regan@ncdenr.gov

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

Re: PFAS Contamination in the Cape Fear River

Dear Secretary Regan,

During our review of the draft consent order between NCDEQ and Chemours, CFPUA became aware of a September 2018 report prepared for Chemours that quantifies PFAS contaminant levels in the Cape Fear River both upstream and downstream of the chemical plant. The report suggests significant levels of contaminants continue to migrate from the Chemours site and that they persist in the river to the CFPUA raw water intake, despite Chemours' claim that industrial waste is hauled offsite. A copy of the report is enclosed.

As CFPUA prepares comments concerning the draft consent order, it would be helpful to understand the report's context. Specifically, we would like to know whether this information was considered by NCDEQ while it was negotiating the draft consent order. If not, does this information influence NCDEQ's opinion concerning whether the draft consent order adequately addresses the health of people downstream in New Hanover County?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim R. Flechtner".

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Enclosure