

**CAPE FEAR PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE
CHEMOURS FAYETTEVILLE WORKS FACILITY**

The Cape Fear Public Utility Authority (the Authority) is a public water and sewer authority that provides water and wastewater services to residential and commercial customers in New Hanover County, the City of Wilmington, and the Town of Wrightsville Beach in North Carolina.

The Authority uses the Cape Fear River as its source water for the majority of the approximately 200,000 people who rely on it for drinking water.

The Authority owns and operates the Sweeney Water Treatment Plant (Sweeney), which serves 80% of the Authority's customers. Sweeney's water comes from the Cape Fear River at Kings Bluff.

Since at least 1980, and unknown to the Authority or the public, Chemours, and its predecessor DuPont, have released PFAS into the Cape Fear River from the Fayetteville Works facility located upstream from Kings Bluff.

In 2017 the Authority discovered that it was unable to treat the GenX from Fayetteville Works in its raw water at Sweeney to safe levels, resulting in prompt action from the Authority Board to ensure that the public had *safe, potable water*.

After piloting multiple treatment methods, the Authority spent \$43 million to construct a Granulated Activated Carbon Filtration System (GAC) at Sweeney specifically to treat GenX and PFAS attributable to Fayetteville Works.

Today, the Authority spends \$5 million per year to operate these GAC filters to treat Chemours' PFAS that continue to contaminate the Cape Fear River.

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2025, Chemours submitted a heavily redacted, revised air application (the Application) for its planned Vinyl Ethers Expansion at the Fayetteville Work Facility to the DEQ Division of Air Quality (DAQ). The Application describes Chemours' intent to increase capacity by 100% in the Vinyl Ethers North Process Area and by 40% in the Vinyl Ethers South

Process Area. Chemours has also asked to start operations at another process area for 12 months without an approved application; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2025, DAQ returned the Application as incomplete. Among the most concerning inadequacies cited by DAQ was Chemours' failure to adequately account for the substantial additional emissions that will result from its planned increase in PFAS manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, these omissions and errors by Chemours identified by DAQ are the most recent examples of Chemours' pattern of failing to disclose information about its operations and resulting emissions and discharges that is necessary for the State, public water suppliers, and the general public to fully grasp the impacts of Chemours' ongoing pollution, particularly with the proposed expansion at the Fayetteville Works facility; and

WHEREAS, Chemours and DuPont have repeatedly demonstrated an inability to reliably and safely operate at the Fayetteville Works without releasing GenX and other PFAS compounds into the Cape Fear River; and

WHEREAS, Chemours recently published its 2024 Sustainability Report, in which its President and CEO, Denise Dignam, states, "We refreshed our core values—Safety, Integrity, Partnership, Ownership, and Respect—based on feedback from thousands of Chemours employees and established a new corporate vision: *to deliver trusted chemistry that improves lives and helps communities thrive.*"; and

WHEREAS, a company espousing such virtues should value people, its neighbors, and the innocent residents of impacted communities. Instead, over the course of its existence, Chemours has been a scourge upon the residents who depend on the Cape Fear River—subjecting residents to escalated levels of testicular cancer, kidney cancer, liver disease, infertility, and thyroid disease; and

WHEREAS, the prolonged contamination of the region's drinking water supply by Chemours has imposed not only substantial financial burdens and adverse medical effects, but also a sustained psychological toll on area residents, who have endured years of uncertainty, loss of trust, and distress regarding the safety of their families and community health; and

WHEREAS, Chemours and DuPont have left the Authority's ratepayers in Wilmington and New Hanover County to pay for the companies' decades of sins, for which they have yet to atone, years after being presented with irrefutable proof. These sins are not accidental; and

WHEREAS, to continue to protect public trust in the water provided by the Authority and abate risks driving customer concerns regarding the safety of their drinking water arising from Chemours' proposed expansion, the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority asks the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, and particularly the Division of Air Quality, for the strict restraint necessarily required for Chemours' Fayetteville Works Facility by denying the expansion Application in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to safeguard the public health, safety, and well-being of the hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians depending on the waters of the Cape Fear River, the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority Board, hereby:

1. Opposes the Application as submitted for, and any expansion of, the Chemours Fayetteville Works Facility and requests that the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality DENY the Application in its entirety; and
2. Requests the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to immediately require Chemours to cease any operations that result in any increase of releases, discharges, and/or air emissions of any PFAS at the Fayetteville Works Facility.

This the ____ day of November, 2025.

CAPE FEAR PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

By: _____

Wesley P. Corder, Chairperson

Cape Fear Public Utility Authority Board

ATTEST:

Jessica Cannon, M.D., Secretary

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