

ROY COOPER GOVERNOR

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The Hon. Michael S. Regan, Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

North Carolina has been at the forefront of PFAS issues for the past seven years and we value our partnership with EPA on this important subject and many others.

Thus, it was with dismay that we learned that EPA recently approved the importation of 4,400,000 pounds of PFAS-containing waste material over the next 12 months from the Chemours facility in the Netherlands to the Chemours Fayetteville Works facility in North Carolina. This approval should be reconsidered and reversed.

The introduction of a large quantity of PFAS-containing waste material into North Carolina is a significant setback for our ongoing efforts to limit PFAS impacts on the environment in North Carolina. And it conveys a message of indifference to the members of many communities in North Carolina, covering at least an eight-county region, who have long borne the impact of PFAS releases from the Fayetteville Works facility.

Further, this event demonstrates clearly why it is so important for EPA to carry out its plan to designate four PFAS compounds (GenX, PFOA, PFOS, and PFBS) as hazardous constituents under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. We strongly support this regulatory action.

We stand ready to assist in the process of reconsideration of this action.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours

Roy Cooper