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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
NW Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Petition submitted on behalf of the Civitas Institute for emergency action under the Safe Drinking water act, 42 u.s.c. §300 to protect the people of Wilmington, North Carolina and the Lower Cape Fear River

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

Please find enclosed a petition to your agency seeking help for the people of Wilmington, NC and the Lower Cape Fear River under Section 1431 of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

The emergency powers under Section 1431 authorizes you to order the cessation of discharge of multiple compounds by the Chemours Chemical Plant in Bladen County, North Carolina, including "Gen X" and those compounds similar to Gen X.

Your agency has exercised its authority under this Section before including in the case of discharges of similar compounds by DuPont Chemical Company in West Virginia as well as in Flint, Michigan.

The law authorizes action when imminent and substantial endangerment exists and when actions taken by the State or local authorities are inadequate to protect public health. As this petition explains, both factors apply in this instance.

Please act quickly to help the affected North Carolina citizens of the Lower Cape Fear River area.

If you have any questions regarding this petition, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 747-8080 or at [francis.deluca@nccivitas.org](mailto:francis.deluca@nccivitas.org)

Respectfully,

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