



NORTH CAROLINA
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MICHAEL S. REGAN
Secretary

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Mr. Brian D. Long
Plant Manager
Chemours Fayetteville Works
22828 NC Highway 87 W
Fayetteville NC 28306

Re: Consent Order Paragraphs 19 and 21 Extension Requests

Dear Mr. Long,

Paragraph 19 of the Consent Order states that “Chemours shall establish and properly maintain permanent replacement drinking water supplies in the form of public water or whole building filtration system for any party (household, business, school, or public building) with a private drinking water well that has been found through testing validated by the NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to be contaminated with concentrations of GenX compounds in excess of 140 ng/L, or any applicable health advisory, whichever is lower.”

By letters dated February 12, 2020, DEQ granted further extensions of 3 months, to May 25, 2020, for Chemours to meet the paragraph 19 requirements in Bladen and Cumberland Counties west of the Cape Fear River. Since that time, Chemours has continued discussions with both Bladen and Cumberland Counties regarding the potential expansions of their public water systems to supply affected parties west of the Cape Fear River. DEQ issued a response letter to Chemours regarding the feasibility of municipal water in Bladen County west of the Cape Fear River while areas in Cumberland County (west of the river) continue to be evaluated.

Chemours has requested, pursuant to paragraph 25 of the Consent Order, a further extension of 3 months, to August 25, 2020, to meet the paragraph 19 requirements in Bladen and Cumberland Counties west of the Cape Fear River.

Paragraph 21 of the Consent Order requires that Chemours sample “drinking water wells for a distance of at least one-quarter (1/4) mile beyond the nearest well with test results showing a quantifiable level of any PFAS listed in Attachment C above 10 ng/L” and that “[s]uch testing shall be completed within eighteen (18) months of entry of this Order” (i.e., by August 25, 2020). Pursuant to these requirements in paragraph 21, Chemours has been conducting its Adaptive Step Out and Infill Sampling Program.



Chemours has remained in contact with DEQ during the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to delays in private well sampling by Chemours based on federal and state guidelines since March 26, 2020. Chemours has informed DEQ that as the state transitions to phase 2 of the COVID response, private well sampling by Chemours consultants will resume as early as May 26th. Chemours has requested, pursuant to paragraph 25 of the Consent Order, an extension of 3 months, to November 25, 2020, to complete the Sampling Program.

DEQ received the request for extensions of the deadlines in paragraphs 19 and 21 of the consent order from Chemours on May 19, 2020. Therefore, DEQ hereby grants an extension of 3 months, until August 25, 2020 for the company to comply with the requirements of paragraph 19 of the Consent Order and until November 25, 2020 for paragraph 21.

Sincerely,



Sheila Holman, Assistant Secretary for the Environment
DEQ

