

## GENX RESPONSE MEASURES

**SECTION 20.(a)** The General Assembly finds that the discharge of the poly-fluoroalkyl chemical known as "GenX" (CAS registry number 62037-80-3 or 13252-13-6) into the Cape Fear River demonstrates the need for supplemental funding for impacted local public utilities for the monitoring and treatment of GenX and to support the identification and characterization by scientists, engineers, and other professionals of GenX in the Cape Fear River.

Therefore, notwithstanding Section 6.1 of S.L. 2017-57, G.S. 143C-4-4, and G.S. 143C-6-4, of the funds appropriated to the Contingency and Emergency Fund, the sum of four hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$435,000) shall be allocated and used as follows:

- (1) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority, who shall, in coordination with Brunswick County Public Utilities, Pender County Utilities, and other entities that withdraw, treat, and subsequently distribute water originating from the Cape Fear River, study the identification and deployment of water treatment technology to remove GenX from the public water supply, and eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) to the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority for ongoing monitoring of water supplies withdrawn from the Cape Fear River. The Cape Fear Public Utility Authority shall provide an interim report to the Environmental Review Commission no later than December 1, 2017, regarding the progress in implementing this section, and a final report on or before April 1, 2018, to include any findings and recommendations for legislative action.
- (2) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington to identify and quantify GenX and measure the concentration of the chemicals in the sediments of the Cape Fear River, the extent to which the chemical biodegrades over time or bioaccumulates within local ecosystems, and what risk the contaminant poses to human health. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington shall not charge indirect facilities and administrative costs against the funding provided by this subdivision. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington shall provide an interim report to the Environmental Review Commission no later than December 1, 2017, regarding the progress in implementing this section, and a final report on or before April 1, 2018, to include any findings and recommendations for legislative action.

**SECTION 20.(b)** Funds allocated by this section for the 2017-2018 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for nonrecurring expenses until the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The entities funded by this section may establish time-limited positions for the biennium with the funds allocated by this section.

**SECTION 20.1.** Section 13.7 of S.L. 2017-57, 2017 Regular Session, reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 13.7.** The North Carolina Policy Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall develop a ~~proposal-proposal~~ (i) to identify and acquire digital data relevant to environmental monitoring and natural resource management, including, but not limited to, the digitization of analog ~~records-records~~ and (ii) for the creation of an online database to provide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and other water quality permits, permit applications, and relevant supporting documents to the public in a searchable and user friendly format, as well as creation of a system for electronic filing of applications for such permits and relevant supporting documents. In developing the proposal, the Collaboratory shall consult with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Information Technology. The Collaboratory shall assess the feasibility of