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**Cumberland County Legislative Delegation Meets with DEQ Secretary to
Discuss EPA Water Health Advisory Announcement and Next Steps.**

Raleigh, NC — This morning, the Cumberland County Legislative Delegation met with North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Secretary Biser and her senior staff to discuss yesterday's EPA Health Advisory Announcement concerning four PFAS compounds, including the GEN-X chemical.

Topics of discussion included DEQ's initial reaction to the announcement, the impacts of the announcement on the Consent Order that Chemours is currently under, public water for areas affected by ground water contamination, and sampled levels of PFAS contamination in public water intakes across the state.

The delegation requested DEQ detail their plan for implementing the new Federal Health Advisory levels to the public as soon as possible. Secretary Biser informed the delegation that DEQ is already working on a detailed plan for implementation of the Federal Health Advisory levels, a complete review and reassessment of the Consent Order and a schedule for public hearings and input. Details from DEQ are expected to be published in the next few weeks as they complete their staff work.

The Cumberland County Legislative Delegation continues to work with state and federal agencies to ensure that all the citizens of the county, and the state, have access to clean water.

For more information, please visit the DEQ website at,

<https://deq.nc.gov/news/press-releases/2022/06/15/state-agencies-responding-release-epa-health-advisories-four-pfas-compounds>

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