

# Testimony, PFAS and Pesticides Act 131 Follow-up Actions

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# The PFAS Progression

Generate / create / synthesize new compounds.

Profit immediately, argue safety concerns, delay action.

When products are banned or suffer bad publicity, move on.

C8 evolved to C6 and other C8 compounds.

C4 and C5 gaining in usage / popularity?

New health impacts and filtration challenges?

Regulations never catch up.

# 2000s, Parkersburg, WV, DuPont and PFOS

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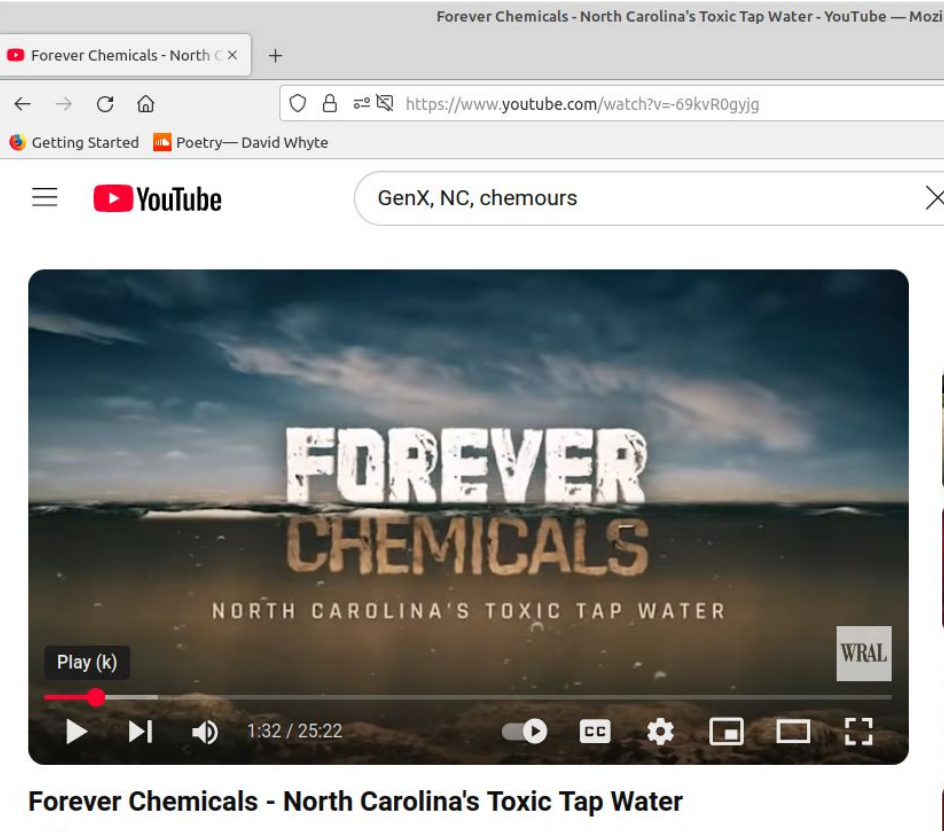
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2019 Film

70,000 medical case studies

8-carbon chains (Octa...)

# On to NC, Chemours and the Cape Fear River



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2024 Documentary

GenX

6-carbon chains, (hex...)

# A Country / Society with no Precautionary Principle

“We know of no harmful effects.”

“This is.... an era dominated by industry, in which the right to make a dollar at whatever cost is seldom challenged.” (Silent Spring, p. 23)

“We are not in the business of the pursuit of knowledge, we are in the business of the pursuit of products.”

The Devil We Know, 2018: 88,000 unregulated chemicals in USA

Thanks for your Attention to these Toxins.  
Happy to answer Questions.

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