

Dear Editor:

The StarNews's GenX coverage has clearly and effectively informed the people of the Cape Fear Region since it broke the story in June. However, its April 22nd story about Brunswick County's efforts to review the available treatment options for GenX and other perfluorinated compounds made a significant omission: the County's consultants, HDR, found the treatment option with the greatest success against these contaminants is reverse osmosis.

The HDR presentation, which was sent to all of Brunswick County's wholesale customers and is available online at www.H2GOOnline.com, clearly shows that the options listed in the story are all less effective than reverse osmosis. Because of the charged atmosphere surrounding the construction of our reverse osmosis plant, it's important to report this fact to the public.

We are pleased that the county is reviewing all of the available treatment options and we share in the frustrations stated by Commissioner Cooke in the article. Federal regulators do not know much about the "boatload" of contaminants currently being found in the Cape Fear River and the number of contaminants being reviewed is woefully inadequate.

That fact makes it all the more important for H2GO to move forward unabated with the construction of the reverse osmosis plant. Within two years, 10,000 households will be permanently removed from a drinking water source containing chemical contaminants without raising their rates or impacting the environment.

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