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ROBESON COUNTY RESPONDS to \$455 Million PFAS SETTLEMENT

Robeson County, North Carolina -- Today, Robeson County alongside ten other N.C local entities, finalized a historic \$455 million settlement with chemical manufactures including Chemours, DuPont and Corteva to address PFAS contamination.

This comprehensive agreement ensures that the damages recovered remain dedicated to the people of Robeson County. Over the next 10 years, Chemours will cover half of the total settlement amount, with DuPont and Corteva funding the remaining balance: This settlement also includes safeguards that the settlement funds shall remain available even in the event these companies go bankrupt. Robeson County will be receiving \$22,800,000 with this settlement. Approximately \$2.3 million will be distributed to the County within the first year to be used to support our continued local remediation efforts.

WHAT THIS MEANS for Robeson County Families:

Recently, Robeson County residents have voiced their concerns regarding whether their water is safe to drink and use. Although no final limits have been set by EPA and DEQ regarding this issue, this settlement provides our county with the critical, dedicated resources needed to ensure that our residents have the safest drinking and household use water possible.

Our immediate plans for this funding include:

- **Securing Clean Drinking Water:** The County will continue to aggressively move forward with infrastructure to install advanced filtration systems to treat public water supplies and guarantee clean water for its residents.



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- **Landfill Mitigation:** In light of recent community concerns, a portion of these funds will be used to continue analyzing and monitoring the county landfill and , if needed, to mitigate any issues discovered.

A MESSAGE FROM COUNTY LEADERSHIP

“Every single resident using the county water system deserves to turn on their faucet without fear; while no dollar amount can erase the uncertainty our community has experienced, this settlement forces these corporations to pay for the cleanup, rather than placing that burden on our local taxpayers. We hear the calls from our community members and we are entirely committed to using every penny of these funds to secure a clean, healthy and safe environment for our children and future generations.”

NEXT STEPS

This settlement is waiting to be formally approved by the Court. Once finalized, funds will begin to be dispersed very soon. The Board of Commissioners has already been publicly informing the public of the infrastructure progress, such as the pilot program already activated at the Rocco plant. As infrastructure plans move forward, the Board of Commissioners will regularly update the public through press releases and public statements at their regularly scheduled Board meeting.