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**H2GO, StarNews, WHQR and WWAY Team Up
to Bring GenX Forum to Brunswick County**

On the morning of June 7th, the entire Cape Fear Region was met with the StarNews headline “Toxin Taints CFPWA Drinking Water”. Concerns grew and information was scarce, however area experts looked for ways to give the best information they could to the area residents. With a drinking water source that supplies a three-county area, only one county has had forums with experts to discuss the dangers of the emerging contaminants recently discovered in their drinking water source.

Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer H2GO has partnered with WWAY, WHQR and StarNews to sponsor a GenX Forum in Brunswick County at Brunswick Community College’s Odell Williamson Auditorium. The panel will consist of UNCW Biological Oceanography Professor Dr. Larry Cahoon, UNCW Aquatic Toxicology/Environmental Endocrinology Assistant Professor Dr. Susanne Brander, NC State Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering Professor and co-author of the ‘GenX Study’ Dr. Detlef Knappe, Cape Fear River Keeper, Kemp Burdette, and North Carolina Rural Water Association Executive Director, Daniel Wilson. Representatives from Chemours, NCDEQ and the EPA were invited to participate but either declined or did not respond. The forum will feature a wide range of topics about emerging contaminants, GenX and the Cape Fear River. Kevin Wuzzardo, WWAY News Director, says “Whenever you have a story of this magnitude, it's important to get people as much information as possible. We certainly feel we've been doing that through our reporting, but being able to help



with another forum like this goes a long way to our commitment to helping the community understand what's going on as fully as possible.”

Panelist will begin the conversation by addressing some common misconceptions surrounding GenX and the initial study and then moderators from WWAY, WHQR and StarNews will present questions submitted by the public. “As a Brunswick County native, it was important to me to try and bring a forum to Brunswick County to give my community, my neighbors a chance to ask the questions and get the answers. I was frustrated to see that forums seemed to be happening every week in New Hanover County, so I decided it was time we step up to the plate to give the entire county what they deserve: answers,” says Tyler Wittkofsky, Public Information Officer for H2GO.

The forum will be held at Odell Williamson Auditorium (150 College Rd NE, Bolivia, NC 28422). Doors will open at 6:00 PM and the forum will start at 7:00 PM. If you would like to submit a question you can email twittkofsky@H2GOonline.com, water@starnews.com, newsroom@wwaytv3.com or coastline@whqr.org. You can also post your questions on H2GO, WWAY News or the StarNews Facebook page or use #GenXBrunCo on social media.

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