

RESOLUTION 2025-275

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP) AND 3M COMPANY REGARDING PFAS

WHEREAS, Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a class of synthetic chemicals widely used in manufacturing and industrial processes that have been linked to serious environmental and public health concerns, including contamination of groundwater, drinking water supplies and natural resources across the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, numerous communities throughout Ocean County and across the State have invested significant public resources to test, monitor and remediate PFAS contamination in order to protect residents and ensure safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recently announced a proposed legal settlement with 3M Company regarding PFAS contamination, which would release 3M from further liability in exchange for a one-time payment to the State; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed settlement fail to provide adequate compensation to local governments, utilities and ratepayers who have borne and will continue to bear the financial burden of PFAS testing, treatment and cleanup; and

WHEREAS, the settlement, as currently proposed, was negotiated without sufficient consultation or input from local governments and public water suppliers who are most directly affected by PFAS contamination; and

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WHEREAS, accepting such a settlement may undermine the ability of Ocean County, its municipalities and other local entities to pursue future legal or financial remedies against responsible parties for PFAS related damages; and

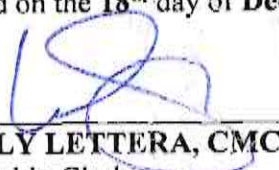
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Little Egg Harbor strongly supports holding corporate polluters fully accountable for the costs associated with environmental contamination and opposes any settlement that fails to make affected communities whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Township of Little Egg Harbor hereby opposes the State of New Jersey's settlement with 3M Company regarding PFAS contamination as currently proposed and urges the State to reject or renegotiate the agreement to ensure that adequate resources are provided directly to Counties, Municipalities and public water systems impacted by PFAS.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Murphy, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Attorney General of New Jersey, New Jersey Association of Counties, Ocean County Utilities Authority, all Ocean County Municipalities and the Township Environmental Commission.

CERTIFICATION

I, KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the **18th** day of **December, 2025**.



KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC
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