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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 10D-13-R5

Director LaMar Hasbrouck, MD
Illinois Department of Public Health
535 West Jefferson St.
Springfield, Illinois 62761-5085

Re: Rejection of Administrative Complaint

Dear Director Hasbrouck, MD:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received an administrative complaint on May 15, 2013, alleging that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 7.


Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) conducts a preliminary review of discrimination complaints to determine acceptance, rejection, or referral (See 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d)(1)). For a complaint to be accepted for investigation, the complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's Part 7 regulations (nondiscrimination regulations).

First, the complaint must be in writing. Second, the complaint must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations (*i.e.*, an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability). Third, the complaint must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, EPA assistance that allegedly committed the discriminatory act. For your reference, a copy of the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations is enclosed.

The EPA has concluded that the allegation described in the complaint does not meet jurisdictional requirements because the complaint does not provide evidence of a discriminatory act that is based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Should the complainant provide the EPA with additional information which meets the basis of our regulations, an investigation may be initiated evaluating your compliance with 40 C.F.R. Part 7. A copy of these regulations are enclosed with this letter.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact Brittany Martinez at (202) 564-0792, via e-mail at martinez.brittany@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director

Enclosure

cc: Kenneth Redden, Acting Associate General Counsel
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