

Harrison, Brenda

From: Dorka, Lilian
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 10:12 AM
To: Bachle, Laura; Harrison, Brenda
Cc: Covington, Jeryl; Harrison, Brenda
Subject: Fwd: Civil Rights Complaint in Yakima County, WA State
Attachments: Dear Director of the Office of Civil Rights EPA II (Autosaved).docx; ATT00001.htm

Hi All, looks like a new complaint. Please control as appropriate. There are multiple email attachment that I will forward. Brenda, could you please make me a copy of this complaint? Thanks!! Lilian

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy
To: "Dorka, Lilian" <Dorka.Lilian@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Civil Rights Complaint in Yakima County, WA State

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy
Date: June 11, 2016 7:46:31 AM
To: golightly-howell.velveta@epa.gov
Cc: McLerran.dennis@EPA.gov, "Edmondson, Lucy" <Edmondson.Lucy@epa.gov>, grass.running@epa.gov, maib461@ecy.wa.gov, ia461@ecy.wa.gov
Subject: Civil Rights Complaint in Yakima County, WA State

Dear Director Golightly-Howell,

Please consider the attached request to the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Civil Rights. We will send attachments in separate e-mails.

Thank you for your assistance on this important and longstanding issue.

(b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy

Executive Director
Friends of Toppenish Creek



Friends of Toppenish Creek

June 10, 2016

Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director of the Office of Civil Rights
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Mail code 1201A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Director Golightly-Howell,

The Friends of Toppenish Creek (FOTC) is a 501 C (3) non-profit environmental advocacy group in south central Washington State where air pollution threatens public health. In our community air quality issues are addressed by the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency (YRCAA) under authority of the Revised Code of Washington, RCW 70.94; the Washington State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency (US EPA, 1995); and Regulation 1 of the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority (YRCAA, 2002). The YRCAA has discriminated against low income and minority people in Yakima County for many years. Now that agency is approving faulty information that tells the public there is no health risk from ammonia air pollution. The YRCAA receives funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We respectfully ask the EPA to withdraw funding from YRCAA in accordance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

This is a letter of complaint. In the pages that follow we will show that the YRCAA:

1. Does not provide the same level of service to people who live in the southern half of Yakima County as it does to those who live in the northern half of the county.
2. Has refused citizen requests to take reasonable actions that would mitigate dangerous air pollution.

3. Has resisted citizen participation in policymaking and has failed to follow through with promises to include citizens in substantive policy discussions.
4. Does not employ people with the requisite credentials to analyze and address major air pollution problems.
5. Does not provide information to non-English speaking populations in language they can understand.
6. Has participated in a campaign to misinform the public and intentionally leads the public to believe that air quality is safe when, in fact, it is often unsafe.

Sincerely,

Friends of Toppenish Creek

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White Swan, WA 98952

Harrison, Brenda

From: Dorka, Lilian
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 10:13 AM
To: Bachle, Laura; Harrison, Brenda; Covington, Jeryl
Subject: Fwd: Request to Ecology re Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency
Attachments: Dear Director Bellon May 2016 IL.docx; ATT00001.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy
Date: June 11, 2016 at 11:07:32 AM EDT
To: dorka.lilian@epa.gov
Subject: Fwd: Request to Ecology re Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy
Date: June 11, 2016 8:05:34 AM
To: maib461@ecy.wa.gov
Cc: "Edmondson, Lucy"
<Edmondson.Lucy@epa.gov>, McLerran.dennis@EPA.gov, golightly-howell.velveta@epa.gov, grass.running@epa.gov, mpia461@ecy.wa.gov
Subject: Request to Ecology re Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency

Dear Director Bellon,

Please consider the attached request to the Department of Ecology regarding the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency. This is a longstanding problem that will only worsen without Ecology intervention.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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Executive Director
Friends of Toppenish Creek

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June 10, 2016

Maia Bellon
Director WA State Dept. of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Dear Director Bellon:

The Friends of Toppenish Creek (FOTC) is a 501 C (3) non-profit environmental advocacy group in south central Washington State where air pollution threatens public health. In our community air quality issues are addressed by the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency (YRCAA) under authority of the Revised Code of Washington, RCW 70.94; the Washington State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency; and Regulation 1 of the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority.

The YRCAA has failed to protect public health and the environment. This letter is a request to the WA State Dept. of Ecology for a formal review of the YRCAA under RCW 70.94.405 Air pollution control authority—Review by department of program. The purpose of the requested review is to “determine whether or not the air pollution prevention and control program of such authority is being carried out in good faith and is as effective as possible.” Our rationale is described in the pages that follow.

Respectfully,

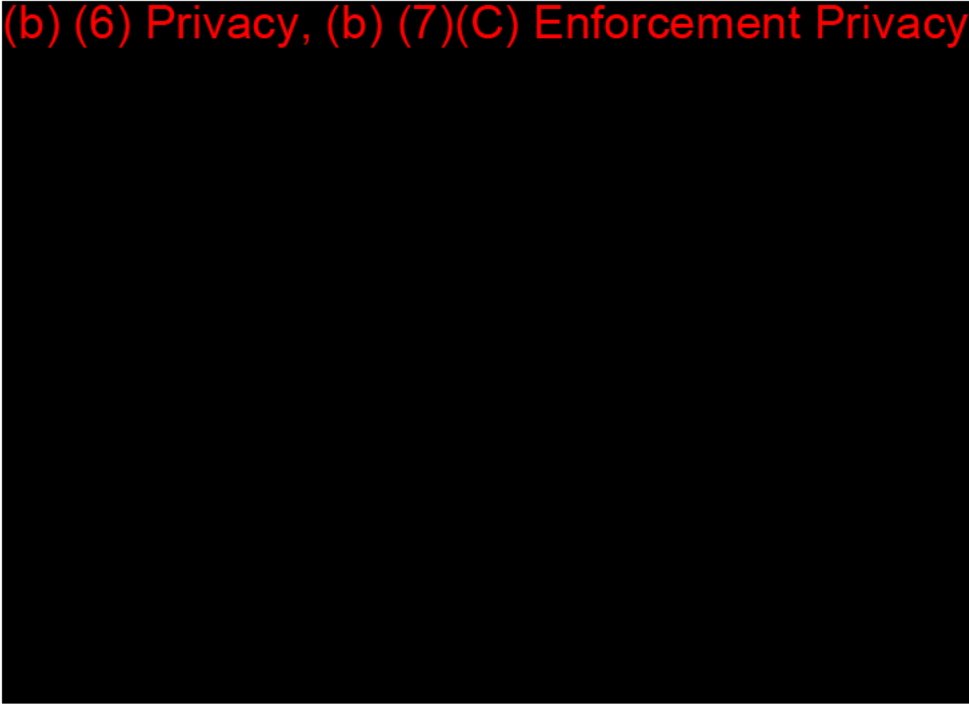
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cc. Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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