

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D C. 20460

Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights Office of External Civil Rights Compliance

September 27, 2022

In Reply Refer to: EPA Complaint No. 07X-22-R6

Steven Rosenbaum, Chief U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Special Litigation Section 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20530 Steven.rosebaum@usdoj.gov

Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of External Civil Rights Compliance (OECRC) is referring the referenced complaint, which was received August 23, 2022 and submitted by correctional Center D/SEG in Shreveport, Louisiana (Caddo). The complaint alleges that conditions and practices at Caddo violate the individuals' rights under the First, Sixth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution.

As this complaint does not fall within the OECRC's jurisdiction, OECRC must reject the complaint and close it as the date of this letter. Because the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) may have jurisdiction over Caddo, OECRC is referring this complaint to your office for appropriate action. We have notified the complainant that we are forwarding the complaint to DOJ and provided your contact information to complainant. A copy of our rejection letter as well as the complaint are enclosed. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Anhthu Hoang, Acting Director, at (212) 637-5033, by e-mail at hoang.anhthu@epa.gov or by mail at U.S. EPA Office of External Civil Rights Compliance, (Mail Code 2310A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

ANHTHU HOANG Digitally signed by ANHTHU HOANG Date: 2022.10 03 13 50:08 -04'00'

Anhthu Hoang, Acting Director Office of External Civil Rights Compliance Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights Enclosure: Complaint and rejection letter

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