



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D C. 20460

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

November 9, 2022

In Reply Refer to:

EPA Complaint No. 03X-23-R6

Steven Rosenbaum, Chief
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
Special Litigation Section
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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 we received on November 8, 2022, to your office. The complaint alleges that conditions and practices at the Caddo Correctional Center D/SEG in Shreveport, Louisiana (Caddo) violate individuals' rights under the First, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, 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 of the date of this letter. Because the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) may have jurisdiction over the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections and/or the Caddo Correctional Center, 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 the 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, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (Mail Code 2310A) Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anhthu Hoang".

for Anhthu Hoang, Acting Director
Office of External Civil Rights Compliance
Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Enclosure: Complaint and OECRC Rejection Letter

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