



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D C. 20460

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

January 26, 2023

In Reply Refer to:

EPA Complaint No. 06X-23-R6

Steven Rosenbaum, Chief
U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division
Special Litigation Section
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20530
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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 was received January 19, 2023. The complaint alleges that officials of the Coffield Unit operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice violated Complainant's Safe Prison and Human Rights by placing him into an unsafe environment.

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 Texas Department of Criminal Justice is a recipient of DOJ financial assistance, DOJ may have jurisdiction over Coffield Unit, Texas Department of Criminal Justice. 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 (202) 809-3297, 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, 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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