Good Afternoon,

Would you mind docketing the below as an additional complaint to the Hartford/MDC matter—this time against Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP). This one, too, is race, color, and national origin. Could you also prepare the acknowledgement letters?

Please and thank you!!

V'Hesspa
Unfortunately, the health and the welfare of the Black community is neither a priority, nor a concern, to DEEP, the State of Connecticut, and the City of Hartford, Connecticut.

Thank you.

On Tue, Feb 28, 2023, 7:15 AM Glenn, V’Hesspa (she/her/hers) <Glenn.VHesspa@epa.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

Thank you for participating in a Teams call on February 9, 2023 and a brief phone call on February 15, 2023. Based on those conversations, we understand that your complaint also includes allegations against the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s (CT DEEP) water protection programs and its discrimination against the residents of the “North End” of Hartford and the predominantly Black community based on race. You indicated that members of this community have been subjected to negative health and environmental impacts resulting from sanitary sewer overflows and backflows and a lack of stormwater and flood control. From the information you have provided us, you also allege that CT DEEP has failed to take appropriate action with regard to ensuring that funding is allocated and used to conduct sewer repair work and completing and/or overseeing sewer repair work (such as separating sewage from the storm sewers and the installation of back water valves) in Hartford’s predominantly Black North End community.

I note under our regulations that complaints must be in writing. If this message is an accurate summary of your allegations, please respond to this email to confirm your intent to include these allegations in your complaint.

Best,

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