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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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CIVIL RIGHTS

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**In Reply Refer to:**

EPA File No.: 16NO-14-R5

**(b) (6) - Privacy**

Oneida, Wisconsin 54155

**Re: Rejection of Administrative Complaint**

Dear **(b) (6) - Privacy**

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), is rejecting your complaint received on October 14, 2014, and supplemented on December 5, 2014, in response to the OCR's request for clarification. Because the OCR is responsible for processing complaints containing allegations of discrimination by recipients of EPA financial assistance pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the EPA implementing regulations, we inferred that you intended to file a Title VI complaint and processed your complaint accordingly. You alleged the garbage pickup and disposal process in your community was both dangerous and a waste of resources. The complaint is dismissed, and the case closed as of the date of this letter.

The OCR conducts a preliminary review of administrative complaints for acceptance, rejection, or referral to the appropriate Agency. (See 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 7.120(d)(1).) After careful review of the information you provided to the OCR in your complaint and in response to the OCR's request for clarification, the EPA is rejecting your complaint because it fails to assert a claim of discrimination in violation of EPA's nondiscrimination regulations (i.e., it does not include an allegation of a discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability).

Although the OCR must reject your complaint for the above-stated reason, the OCR would like to provide you with the following point of contact who may be able to address your concerns:

Jeff Mears  
Environmental Area Manager  
(920) 869-4555  
[jmears@oneidanation.org](mailto:jmears@oneidanation.org)

If you have questions regarding the OCR's decision, please contact Brittany Martinez of the OCR's External Compliance Program at (202) 564-0727, via electronic mail at [martinez.brittany@epa.gov](mailto:martinez.brittany@epa.gov), or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460-1000.

Sincerely,



Velveta Golightly-Howell  
Director

Enclosure