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WASHINGTON, D C. 20460

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

September 14, 2023

In Reply Refer To:

EPA Complaint No. 04R-23-R3

Clark Mercer
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Re: Notification of Administrative Closure of Non-Complaint

Dear Director Mercer:

This letter is to notify you that the Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter, "EPA"), Office of External Civil Rights Compliance (hereinafter, "OECRC") is closing EPA Complaint No. 04R-23-R3, which OECRC docketed in response to correspondence OECRC received on July 10, 2023 (hereinafter, "July Letter"). The July Letter raised allegations that the Metropolitan Washington Council on Governments (hereinafter, "MwCOG") discriminated on the basis of race.

On August 3, 2023, OECRC held a conference call to clarify the issues raised in the July Letter. During the call, the correspondent informed OECRC that the correspondent does not intend to file a non-discrimination complaint with OECRC. The correspondent informed OECRC that the July Letter was intended as a courtesy copy of the Title VI Complaint filed with MwCOG, and not intended as a complaint with OECRC against MwCOG. Therefore, OECRC is administratively closing this matter as of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (202) 809-3297 or by email at hoang.anhthu@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Anhthu Hoang
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