



OFFICE OF EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA Complaint No: 01R-23-R7

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Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Samuel Bagenstos:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Environmental Justice & External Civil Rights Compliance, Office of External Civil Rights Compliance (OECRC), received a complaint on August 14, 2023, on behalf of the King Irving Neighborhood Association alleging Polk County, Iowa, discriminated on the basis of race or national origin.

Due to the subject matter of the allegations, OECRC is referring the complaint to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services pursuant to EPA's non-discrimination regulations, 40 CFR 7.120(d), for appropriate handling.

Considering these circumstances, OECRC is closing this complaint as of the date of this letter. Copies of the complaint and our letters to the Complainant and Recipient are enclosed.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please feel free to contact Marianne Engelman-Lado by telephone at (202) 565-0012 or by email at engelmannlado.marianne@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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