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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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**In Reply Refer to:**

EPA File No 01R-15-R4 OFFICE OF  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Michael Alston  
Director, Office of Civil Rights  
Office of Justice Programs,  
U.S. Department of Justice  
810 Seventh Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20531-3718

**Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint**

Dear Mr. Alston:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), is referring correspondence received on January 5, 2015 from an inmate (Complainant) in Limestone Correctional Facility. The EPA/OCR treated the correspondence as a Title VI complaint. Complainant alleged that the Alabama Correctional Facility employees at Limestone Correctional Facility are not enforcing the Alabama Clean Indoor Air Act, ALA Code § 22-15A-1 *et seq.* However, since Limestone Correctional Facility is not an applicant for, nor recipient of, EPA financial assistance and Complainant does not allege a discriminatory act that may violate EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, his complaint does not fall within the EPA/OCR's jurisdiction, and the EPA must reject it for investigation.

However, because the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) may have subject-matter jurisdiction over the allegations presented in the subject complaint, the EPA/OCR is referring it to the DOJ for appropriate action. We have notified the Complainant that his complaint has been forwarded to the DOJ and provided your contact information. The document is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Assistant Director, External Compliance Program at (202) 564-0792, Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Velveta Golightly-Howell", is written over a printed name.

Velveta Golightly-Howell  
Director

Enclosures (1)

cc: Elise Packard  
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Limestone Correctional Facility

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