

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

March 13, 2018

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 01X-18-R6

Steven Rosenbaum
Chief
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
Special Litigation Section
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO) is referring a complaint received March 6, 2018 from Complainant (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy a prisoner incarcerated at the (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy Unit in Huntsville, Texas under the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division. (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy alleges that the unsafe drinking water in his prison is causing him and others to be ill. ECRCO cannot accept his complaint for investigation, because the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division is not a recipient of EPA financial assistance. As this complaint does not fall within the ECRCO's jurisdiction, ECRCO must reject the complaint and close it as the date of this letter.

As the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) may have jurisdiction over the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division, ECRCO is referring this complaint to your office for appropriate action. We have notified (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy that his complaint is being forwarded to DOJ and provided your contact information. A copy of our rejection letter as well as (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy original complaint are enclosed.

Mr. Steven Rosenbaum

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If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Dale Rhines, Deputy Director, at (202) 564-4174, by e-mail at rhines.dale@epa.gov or by mail at U.S. EPA External Civil Rights Compliance Office, (Mail Code 2310A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,



Lilian S. Dorka
Director
External Civil Rights Compliance Office
Office of General Counsel

Enclosures

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