

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



EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

August 3, 2017

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**In Reply Refer to:**

EPA File No: 06X-17-R5 (WSPF/WDOC)

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 Correspondence**

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO) is referring a complaint received November 30, 2016 from Complainant [REDACTED] a prisoner incarcerated at the Wisconsin Secure Program Facility (WSPF) under the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WDOC). [REDACTED] alleges that the unsanitary vent and sewage systems in his prison cell are causing him respiratory and other health issues. ECRCO cannot accept his complaint for investigation, because neither WSPF, nor WDOC are recipients 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 WDOC and/or WSPF, ECRCO is referring this complaint to your office for appropriate action. We have notified [REDACTED] that his complaint is being forwarded to DOJ and provided your contact information. A copy of our rejection letter as well as [REDACTED] original complaint are enclosed.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Zahra Khan, Case Manager, at (202) 564-0460, by e-mail at [khan.zahra@epa.gov](mailto:khan.zahra@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,



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Office of General Counsel

Enclosures

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