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LaQuandra S. Nesbitt MD, MPH, Director
D.C. Department of Health
899 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Dr. Nesbitt:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint from a Southeast D.C. resident (Complainant) living in an apartment complex owned by the Winn Companies on June 8, 2015. The OCR is referring the complaint to the D.C. Department of Health (DOH) for appropriate action, as it raises allegations that the OCR is unable to address.

The complaint generally alleges that Winn Companies is discriminating against the Complainant based on the Complainant's age, disability, and sex. The complaint further alleges that Winn Companies has committed discriminatory act(s) by failing to remedy numerous unsafe and unsanitary living conditions to which the Complainant is allegedly subjected

Since Winn Companies is neither an applicant for nor recipient of EPA financial assistance, under the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7, the subject complaint does not fall within the OCR's jurisdiction. As a result, the EPA must reject it for further investigation of the allegations therein. However, we believe the DOH, and more specifically the Rodent Control Division, may be able to examine and/or address the allegations presented in it. We have notified the Complainant that this complaint has been forwarded to the DOH and provided the DOH's contact information.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Jonathan Stein of the OCR External Compliance Program at (202) 564-2088, via electronic mail at stein.jonathan@epa.gov, or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

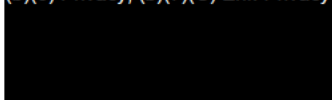


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