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Mr. 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 a complaint received June 24, 2015 from an inmate (Complainant) incarcerated at the Pamlico Correctional Institution (Pamlico CI), which is operated by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NC DPS). Complainant alleges various violations of environmental laws by Pamlico CI. However, since neither Pamlico CI nor NC DPS are applicants for, or recipients of, EPA financial assistance and Complainant does not allege a discriminatory act that may violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, his complaint does not fall within the OCR's jurisdiction, and the EPA must reject it for investigation.

As the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) may have jurisdiction over the allegations presented in the subject complaint, the OCR is referring for appropriate action. We have notified Complainant that his complaint has been forwarded to the DOJ and provided your contact information. The complainant's letters are also enclosed.

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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Director, Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures (2)

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