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I am reopening EPA Complaint No: 04R-21-R5 04R-21-R5. It was filed on September 1, 2021 against Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), respectively.

I am refiling my Civil Rights complaint because my lawsuit is dismissed and I am timely reopening my complaint within 60 of the dismissal per EPA ECRCO requirements.

EPA Complaint No. 04R-21-R5 alleges that EGLE discriminated against the predominantly African American community adjacent to the GPI facility in the City of Kalamazoo on the basis of race in violation of Title VI, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulation, at 40 C.F.R. Part 7 when EGLE approved Permit to Install (PTI) No. 133-19A for the GPI facility on November 24, 2020 despite several reported alleged violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and alleged failure to conduct appropriate oversight of the GPI facility. In addition, Complainant alleges EGLE retaliated against or intimidated her in violation of Title VI and 40 C.F.R. § 7.100 when on November 13, 2020, EGLE allegedly asked her not to file a civil rights complaint against EGLE, or referral to the appropriate Federal agency. See 40 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) § 7.120(d)(1). Also, EGLE uses sniff tests instead of Toxic Chemical testers when called to investigate Air Pollution Emergency calls in the Kalamazoo EJ community next to Graphic Packaging. EGLE does not answer all calls or refer spills by Graphic Packaging to the EPA spill emergency line and Coast Guard as required.

EGLE has done zero clean up or testing of the soil, water and air for PCB's, PFAS, and toxins found on Graphic Packagings Brownfield testing report showing toxins above the risk level in the soil and groundwater across the street from the African American EJ community.

EGLE has reports showing PCB and PFAS in the african american neighborhood next to Graphic Packaging from the year 2000 and a prior NPL for Graphic Packaging in 1955 at another known address on Graphic Packaging property.

EGLE never referred this to EPA and discriminated on the basis of race by allowing the

neighborhood to not be labeled a superfund site which would provide cleanup and relocation for the african americans who are still being poisoned by Graphic Packagings toxic and hardly regulated emissions to this day.

Graphic Packaging has been out of compliance for over 12 quarters in violation of the Clean Air and Water Act.

EGLE is continuing to violate Title VI by discriminating against the primarily african american neighborhood in Kalamazoo, Michigan. ( EJ Neighborhood aka Sacrifice zone.)

EGLE is not completing

Cumulative impact studies on the primary african american neighborhood when decided to issue Graphic Packaging permits which is also a violation of title VI and a discrimination based on race.

Thank you,

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