



**OFFICE OF EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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**In Reply Refer to:**

EPA Complaint No: 02RNO-21-R2

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**Re: Termination of the Informal Resolution Agreement Process for EPA Complaint No. 02RNO-21-R2**

Dear Interim Commissioner Mahar:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, Office of External Civil Rights Compliance (OECRC) met with representatives from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) on December 5, 2024. During this meeting, the NYS DEC representatives confirmed NYS DEC's withdrawal from the Informal Resolution Agreement (IRA) process for EPA Complaint No. 02RNO-21-R2.

In light of NYS DEC's withdrawal, EPA is terminating the IRA process for these complaints as of December 13, 2024.<sup>1</sup> EPA will continue to process these complaints consistent with EPA's regulation at 40 C.F.R. Part 7 and OECRC's Case Resolution Manual.

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<sup>1</sup> For a description of this process, see U.S. EPA's Case Resolution Manual, Section 3.1, at 23 (2021) (available at [https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-01/documents/2021.1.5\\_final\\_case\\_resolution\\_manual\\_.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-01/documents/2021.1.5_final_case_resolution_manual_.pdf)).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (220) 809-3297, or by email at [Hoang.Anhthu@epa.gov](mailto:Hoang.Anhthu@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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