

September 29, 2025

Jeff Humphrey, General Manager Pineview Water Systems 471 W. 2nd St. Ogden, UT 84404

via email: jhumphrey@pineviewwater.com

Re: Rejection of EPA Complaint No. 02RNO-25-R8

Dear General Manager Humphrey:

As you are aware, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights and Adjudication (OCRA), External Civil Rights Division (ECRD) received the above-referenced complaint against Pineview Water Systems (Pineview). This letter serves to notify you that ECRD is rejecting the complaint.

Pursuant to EPA's nondiscrimination regulation, ECRD conducts a jurisdictional review of external civil rights complaints. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d)(1). To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in EPA's nondiscrimination regulation.

First, a complaint must be in writing. See 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(b)(1). Second, the entity that the complainant identifies as allegedly engaging in discrimination must be an applicant for, or recipient of, EPA financial assistance. See 40 C.F.R. § 7.15.

Third, the complainant must file the complaint within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. See 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(b)(2). Fourth, a complainant must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, may violate EPA's nondiscrimination regulation. See 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(b)(1). An alleged discriminatory act is one based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Id.

After careful consideration, ECRD cannot accept the instant complaint, because Pineview is not a recipient of EPA financial assistance. Accordingly, ECRD must reject the instant complaint for investigation.

Finally, EPA's regulation prohibits applicants, recipients, and other persons from intimidating, threatening, coercing, or engaging in other discriminatory conduct against any individual

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because they have either acted or participated in an action to secure rights protected by the civil rights requirements that EPA enforces. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.100. Any individual that opines a recipient has engaged in such misconduct can file a complaint with OCRA.

If you have any questions, please contact Case Manager Al Sweeney by telephone at (202) 564-7949 or by email at sweeney.alfred@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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