



**OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND ADJUDICATION**

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, DC 20460  
**via email:** [OIG.Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:OIG.Hotline@epa.gov)

**RE: Referral of EPA Complaint No. 03RA-25-R3**

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights and Adjudication (OCRA), External Civil Rights Division (ECRD) received correspondence alleging the misuse of federal funds in Maryland. Pursuant to EPA's non-discrimination regulations, EPA is closing the complaint because it lacks jurisdiction. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d).

However, due to the subject matter of the allegations, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Inspector General (EPA OIG) may have jurisdiction over the alleged claims. Therefore, ECRD is referring this complaint to EPA OIG to make a determination regarding ECRD's referral. *See* attached.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Case Manager Nell Cormack by email at [Cormack.Nell@epa.gov](mailto:Cormack.Nell@epa.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juan Carlos Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JuanCarlos M. Hunt, Director  
U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights and Adjudication

Enclosures: Administrative Complaint and Recipient Rejection Letter

cc: Catherine Libertz, Deputy Regional Administrator/Deputy Civil Rights Official  
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