

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
2024 EPA Preaward Compliance Review Report, Form 4700-4

III. Pending Civil Rights lawsuits and administrative complaints filed against DEC:

There remains a single Title VI complaint (race/national origin) filed with the EPA on August 30, 2021 (EPA Complaint No. 02RNO-21-R2). DEC and the EPA are engaged in an informal resolution agreement negotiation.

FY Rec'd	Overall Status	EPA File #	Named Entity	Date Received	ST	REG	Alleged Discrimination Basis	Detailed Status	Related Documents
FY21	Active	02RNO-21-R2	New York State Dept. of Envir. Conservation	08/30/2021	NY	02	Title VI: Race, National Origin	Pending: In Informal Resolution Agreement Negotiation	<a href="#">02RNO-21-R2 Complaint (pdf)</a> (15.5 MB) <a href="#">02RNO-21-R2 REC Decision Ltr (pdf)</a> (130.4 KB) <a href="#">02RNO-21-R2 REC Tolling Ltr (pdf)</a> (229.1 KB)

IV. Civil rights lawsuits and administrative complaints decided against DEC within the last year:

None.

V. Civil rights compliance reviews conducted by any federal agency within the last two years:

**USDOJ-Fish and Wildlife Service Compliance Review** is on-going. DEC received the notice of intent in August 2023 and replied to the document request in December 2023. An on-site review is scheduled for June 2024.

**Department of Homeland Security** reviewed DEC's Civil Rights Evaluation Tool (DHS Form 3095) in November 2023 and in December 2023 requested additional information about the status of the USDA compliance review that DEC disclosed. DEC explained that review involved completing the Forest Service's Form FS-1700-0006A to cover grants for the new fiscal year, and that there were no findings, compliance recommendations, or corrective actions.

The **USDA Civil Rights Compliance Review** in November 2023 involved DEC completing the Forest Service's Form FS-1700-0006A to cover grants for the new fiscal year. There were no findings, compliance recommendations or corrective actions resulting from the review, and no ongoing monitoring as a result of the review.

XI. Grievance procedures

[DEC's Federal Civil Rights Nondiscrimination Program - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#)

[NYSDEC Federal Civil Rights Violation Complaint Form](#)

[Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#)

[Americans with Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#)

[ADA Complaint Form \(ny.gov\)](#)

[Language Assistance - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#) (scroll to file a complaint)

[Language Access Complaint Form \(ny.gov\)](#)

[Language Access Complaint Form- English \(ny.gov\)](#)

[Complaints Regarding DEC Employees - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#)