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In Reply Refer to:
EPA File No.: 02R-13-R3

Mr. Brian Reese
Office for Civil Rights
Office of Justice Programs
U.S. Department of Justice
810 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531-3718

Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Reese:

On January 30, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received an administrative complaint from Mr. [redacted]. The complaint alleges that the State Correctional Institution at Greene (SCIG) discriminated against him due to his handicap, in violation of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

EPA does not provide financial assistance to SCIG; and therefore, cannot accept the complaint for investigation. However, during EPA's preliminary review of the complaint, OCR became aware that SCIG may receive financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Therefore, OCR is referring this complaint to your office for your review and any action you believe is appropriate. A copy of the complaint is enclosed and the Complainant is copied on this letter to notify him that we are forwarding his complaint to your agency.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Assistant Director, OCR External Compliance, or have your staff contact

Ericka Farrell at 202-564-0717, via email at farrell.ericka@epa.gov or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460-1000.

Sincerely,

Vicki Simons
Acting Director

Enclosure(s)

cc: Stephen G. Pressman, Assistant General Counsel
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

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