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Ms. Terri A. Dickerson
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US Coast Guard Headquarters
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Re: Acknowledgement and Receipt of Correspondence

Dear Director Dickerson:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received correspondence on February 19, 2013, alleging that the U.S. Coast Guard violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7. (A copy of the redacted complaint is enclosed.)

OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from EPA. After careful review OCR has concluded that it cannot process this correspondence because Title VI does not apply to the U.S. Coast Guard.[1]

In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Ericka Farrell of my staff at (202) 564-0717, via e-mail at farrell.ericka@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosure

[1] Title VI does not apply to federal agencies.

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