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Leon Rodriguez
Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
90 7th Street, Suite 4-100
San Francisco, CA 94103-6730

Re: REFERRAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

On February 20, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received an administrative complaint from [redacted]. The complaint alleges that the Methodist Hospital Emergency Department (Methodist Hospital) discriminated against her due to her national origin, disability and retaliation alleging a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7.

EPA does not provide financial assistance to Methodist Hospital and, therefore, cannot accept the complaint for investigation. 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 her that we are forwarding her complaint to your agency.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights, or have your

staff contact Ericka Farrell at 202-564-0717, via email at farrell.ericka@epa.gov, or by mail to the 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
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosure

cc: Stephen G. Pressman, Assistant General Counsel
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