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Ms. Camille M. Hazeur
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U. S. Department of Transportation
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Re: Referral of Title VI Administrative Complaint

Dear Ms. Hazeur:

On January 24, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint referred to our office by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) from a Las Vegas, Nevada citizen that the Las Vegas, Nevada F Street African-American community has allegedly been discriminated against as a result of exclusion from public participation processes and damage to the area due to the closure of F Street stemming from work on Interstate 15, in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

OCR is unable to accept the complaint because none of the named entities are current recipients of EPA assistance. However, because the U.S. Department of Transportation may have subject matter expertise over the allegations in this complaint, this complaint is being referred to the U.S. Department of Transportation to review and investigate as you deem appropriate. We are aware that the U.S. Department of Transportation was simultaneously sent this complaint by the U.S. Department of Justice on January 13, 2012. This complaint also contains a copy of a lawsuit against the Nevada Department of Transportation related to the subject matter in the complaint and we are also enclosing the clarifying correspondence from the complainant.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Ms. Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Assistant Director of OCR's External Compliance Program, by telephone at (202) 564-0792, by

e-mail at Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov, or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

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