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Michael Regan
Secretary
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
217 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Regan:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO), received correspondence on May 14, 2018, alleging discrimination based on race in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 involving the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

ECRCO is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. ECRCO will review the correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within ECRCO's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, ECRCO will notify you as to whether it will accept the complaint for investigation or reject it, or refer it to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact me by telephone at (202) 564-4174, or by email at Rhines.Dale@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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