UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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In Reply Refer To:
EPA File Nos. 01R-09-R4 and
07R-10-R4

(b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy
[redacted]
Saint Augustine Florida 32084

Re: EPA File Nos. 01R-09-R4 and 07R-10-R4

Dear (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privac [redacted]

This letter relates to your administrative complaints referenced above filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR). Please note that this letter is also being sent to the other complainants in this case. In response to your complaints, OCR accepted the following claims for investigation:

1. The FDEP failed to investigate the effects of pollution on the public health of African American in the Lincolnville neighborhood.

2-The FDEP failed to take adequate enforcement action with respect to sewage spillage in the San Sebastian River and the Maria Sanchez Lake.

OCR needs additional information from you in order to continue investigating your complaint. OCR would like to speak with all of you about the complaint. Specifically, OCR needs your assistance to understand the current status of the concerns originally expressed in your complaint and whether FDEP's alleged failure to investigate the health effects is related to the sewage spillage at the San Sebastian River. OCR would like to schedule a teleconference with you to discuss this information.

Please respond to this letter by February 26, 2016 by providing your current mailing address, telephone number, and email address, if you have one. Also, please provide dates and times during the weeks of February 29th or March 7th when you are available to participate in a conference call. Please submit this information to the case manager, Waleska Nieves-Muñoz, via email (nieves-munoz.waleska@epa.gov) or via regular mail to:

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If OCR does not receive a response from any of the complainants involved in this case, OCR may need to close the complaint administratively. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or are in need of an extension of time to respond, please contact Ms. Nieves-Muñoz at 202-564-7103 or nieves-munoz.waleska@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Lilian Dorka
Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

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