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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

April 8, 2019

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In Reply Refer to:
EPA Complaint No: 02U-19-R9

Steven Rosenbaum
Chief
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
Special Litigation Section
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Referral of Administrative Correspondence

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO) is referring a complaint received April 3, 2019 from Complainant [redacted] a prisoner incarcerated the California Medical Facility, Vacaville, CA under the California Department of Corrections. [redacted] alleges hazardous/toxic environmental conditions at the California Medical Facility is causing inmates to be ill. ECRCO cannot accept his complaint for investigation, because the California Medical Facility is not a recipient of EPA financial assistance. As this complaint does not fall within the ECRCO's jurisdiction, ECRCO must reject the complaint and close it as the date of this letter.

As the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) may have jurisdiction over the California Medical Facility, ECRCO is referring this complaint to your office for appropriate action. We have notified [redacted] that his complaint is being forwarded to DOJ and provided your contact information. A copy of our rejection letter as well as [redacted] original complaint are enclosed.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Dale Rhines, Deputy Director, at (202) 564-4174, by e-mail at rhines.dale@epa.gov or by mail at U.S. EPA External Civil Rights Compliance Office, (Mail Code 2310A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

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