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In Reply Refer to:
EPA Complaint No. 13R-14-R6

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Re: Alternative Dispute Resolution:

Dear Mr. Jantz:

This letter concerns EPA Complaint No. 13R-14-R6. On March 28, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO) was informed by EPA's Alternative Dispute Resolution Law Office that the Recipients (the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Qualtiy Control Board and the City of Albuquerque's Environmental Health Department) and the Complainants (New Mexico Environmental Law Center on behalf of the SouthWest Organizing Project) in this case have agreed to engage in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

Accordingly, as of the date of this letter, ECRCO is suspending its investigation of the subject complaint for the duration of the ADR process. ECRCO will resume its investigation if the parties do not reach resolution through ADR. More information on EPA's ADR process can be found in ECRCO's Case Resolution Manual at:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-01/documents/final_epa_ogc_ecrco_crm_january_11_2017.pdf .

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Debra McGhee, ECRCO Team Lead, at (202) 564-4646, by e-mail at mcghee.debra@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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