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Scott Enright, Chair
Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Office of the Chairperson
1428 South King Street
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Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Correspondence

Dear Mr. Enright:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received correspondence on September 15, 2016, involving the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

The OCR is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. OCR will review the correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within OCR's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you as to whether it will accept this complaint for investigation or reject, or refer the complaint 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) 564-7299 or by email at temple.kurt@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kurt T. Temple

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