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Mark Williams
Commissioner
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Suite 1252
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Acknowledgement of Administrative Correspondence

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO), received correspondence on May 28, 2019, alleging discrimination based on race in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 involving the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

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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External Civil Rights Compliance Office
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