UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

September 27, 2019

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In Reply Refer to:
EPA Complaint No: 03R-19-R3

Samuel A. Caperton
Cabinet Secretary
West Virginal Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Secretary Caperton:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO), received a complaint against the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection on September 24, 2019.

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 complaint 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 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) 564-4174, or by email at Rhines.Dale@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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