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In Reply Refer to:
EPA File No. 13R-07-R4

Ed Kerwin
Director
Orange Water and Sewer Authority
400 Jones Ferry Road
Carrboro, NC 27510

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Kerwin:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint on October 15, 2007, alleging that the Orange Water and Sewer Authority has violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C.§§ 2000d to 2000d-7 (Title VI), and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 7. (A copy of the redacted compliant is enclosed.)

OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from EPA. Pursuant to EPA's Title VI regulations, OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. 40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is completed, OCR will notify you about its decision.

EPA's Title VI regulations also provide that OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if the complaint is accepted for investigation, OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact me at (202) 343-9682, via e-mail at yorker.yasmin@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

Yasmin Yorker
Assistant Director
External Compliance

Enclosure

cc: Katherin E. Hall, Assistant General Counsel
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Nancy Tommelleo, Title VI Coordinator
EPA Region 4