UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

March 24, 2020

In Reply Refer to:
EPA Complaint No. 02NO-20-R3

Jennifer King, Chair
Giuliana Brogna
Susan April
Rural Agricultural Defenders
Post Office Box 445
Kearneysville, WV 25430

Re: Acknowledgement of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mss. King, April, and Brogna:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO), received your correspondence on March 19, 2020, alleging discrimination based on national origin in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 involving the West Virginia Department of Health and Human 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, 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,

DALE RHINES
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