UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

August 3, 2017

Return Receipt Requested
Certified Mail#: (b) (6) Privacy [redacted]

In Reply Refer to:
EPA File No: 06X-17-R5 (WSPF/WDOC)

Steven Rosenbaum
Chief
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
Special Litigation Section
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Referral of Administrative Correspondence

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO) is referring a complaint received November 30, 2016 from Complainant (b) (6) - Privacy [redacted] a prisoner incarcerated at the Wisconsin Secure Program Facility (WSPF) under the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WDOC). (b) (6) - Privacy [redacted] alleges that the unsanitary vent and sewage systems in his prison cell are causing him respiratory and other health issues. ECRCO cannot accept his complaint for investigation, because neither WSPF, nor WDOC are recipients of EPA financial assistance. As this complaint does not fall within the ECRCO's jurisdiction, ECRCO must reject the complaint and close it as the date of this letter.

As the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) may have jurisdiction over WDOC and/or WSPF, ECRCO is referring this complaint to your office for appropriate action. We have notified (b) (6) - Privacy [redacted] that his complaint is being forwarded to DOJ and provided your contact information. A copy of our rejection letter as well as (b) (6) - Privacy [redacted] original complaint are enclosed.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Zahra Khan, Case Manager, at (202) 564-0460, by e-mail at khan.zahra@epa.gov or by mail at U.S. EPA External Civil Rights Compliance Office, (Mail Code 2310A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

Lilian S. Dorka
Director
External Civil Rights Compliance Office
Office of General Counsel

Enclosures

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