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**In Reply Refer to:**
EPA File No. 08R-11-R4

Herschel T. Vinyard Jr.
Secretary
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard M.S. 49
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6575

**Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint**

Dear Secretary Vinyard:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint on July 21, 2011, alleging that the City of Brooksville, Florida, Hernando County, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Department of Health have violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7. (A copy of the redacted complaint is enclosed.)

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In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact me at (202) 564-0792, via e-mail at wooden-aguilar.helena@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,

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
External Compliance and Complaints Program

Enclosure

cc: Katherin E. Hall, Assistant General Counsel
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Harry Frank Farmer, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.
State Surgeon General, Florida
Florida Department of Health
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # A00
Tallahassee, FL 32399 -1701

**Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint**

Dear Surgeon General Farmer:

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Frankie Burnett
Mayor/Council Member
City of Brooksville, Florida
201 Howell Avenue
Brooksville, FL 34601-2041

**Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint**

Dear Mayor Burnett:

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**In Reply Refer to:**
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James E. Adkins
Chairman
County Commissioner, District 5, Hernando County
Public Works Department
1525 East Jefferson Street
Brooksville, FL 34601-3537

**Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint**

Dear Commissioner Adkins:

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(b) (6) - Privacy
[redacted]
Brooksville, Florida 34601[redacted]

**Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint**

Dear (b) (6) - Privacy:

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If your complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for OCR to reveal your identity to persons at the City of Brooksville, Florida, Hernando County, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Department of Health. Please read the enclosed consent/release form, as well as the information about your rights and protections. Please complete the consent/release form and return the form to the address below within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this letter.

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