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

(b) (6) Privacy
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Brooksville, FL 34601[redacted]

**Re: Request for Clarification**

Dear (b) (6) Privacy

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) is requesting information to facilitate the investigation of discrimination allegation concerning the City of Brooksville, Florida, Hernando County, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Department of Health. On July 21, 2011, OCR received your administrative complaint on behalf of the Citizens of South Brooksville. Your administrative complaint claims 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 regulations implementing Title VI, found at 40 C.F.R. Part 7.

Pursuant to EPA's nondiscrimination administrative regulations, OCR conducts a preliminary review of administrative complaints for acceptance, rejection, or referral. 40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1). To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, it must be in writing. 40 C.F.R. §7.120(b)(1). Second, it must describe alleged discriminatory acts that violate EPA's nondiscrimination regulations (*i.e.*, an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, sex, or disability). *Id.* Third, it must be filed within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory act. 40 C.F.R. §7.120(b)(2). Fourth, it must be filed against an applicant for, or a recipient of, EPA financial assistance that committed the alleged discriminatory act. 40 C.F.R. § 7.15. (A copy of EPA's nondiscrimination regulations is enclosed for your convenience.)

OCR has reviewed the information you provided and determined that additional information is needed to complete the review. Therefore, please provide OCR with the following information:

1. Please provide the date of when the alleged discriminatory act(s) occurred by the City of Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida Department of Health, and the

FDEP. A date must be provided to determine whether the allegation meets EPA's requirement for timeliness;

2. Please provide the names of the entities who committed the alleged discriminatory act and descibe the alleged discriminatory act. A complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or a recipient of, EPA assistance that committed the alleged discriminatory act.

Please provide all requested information within 15 days of your receipt of this letter. If you have any questions or encounter any difficulty in gathering this information please contact me by telephone (202) 564-0792, via e-mail at wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov, by fax (202) 565-0196, or by mail to the U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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