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Ms. Marianne Engleman Lado
Ms. Jocelyn D'Ambrosio
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48 Wall Street, 19th Floor
New York, New York 10005

Re: **Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Dear Ms. Lado and Ms. D'Ambrosio:

As you are aware as of March 6, 2015, Earthjustice on behalf of North Carolina Environmental Justice Network, Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help (REACH), and the Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc. and North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) agreed to participate in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) with regard to the referenced complaint. Effective that date, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR) suspended its investigation for the duration of the ADR process.

Pursuant to your request, the OCR is willing to interview Dr. Steve Wing based on your stated concerns related to Dr. Wing's health condition. Considering the REACH complaint's ADR status, the OCR has requested that the mediator address your request for Dr. Wing's interview with NC DEQ.

OCR will resume its investigation of the subject complaint if the parties do not reach resolution through ADR. More information about the ADR process can be found at http://www.epa.gov/-civilrights/faq-adrt6.htm. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ericka Farrell in the External Compliance and Complaints Program. Ms. Farrell's contact information is (202) 564-0717, farrell.ericka@epa.gov and U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460-1000. Thank you.

Sincerely,

for

Velveta Golightly-Howell, Director,
Office of Civil Rights

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