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Mike Rolband, Director
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
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Richmond, VA 23219
via email: Michael.Rolband@deq.virginia.gov

Re: End of Informal Resolution of EPA Complaint No. 03R-21-R3

Dear Director Rolband:

On March 12, 2026, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights and Adjudication (OCRA), External Civil Rights Division (ECRD) met with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Following up by email on April 9, 2026, DEQ confirmed that it seeks to withdraw the above-referenced complaint from the Informal Resolution Agreement (IRA) process.

Based on DEQ's communication to withdraw, ECRD is terminating the IRA process for this complaint. ECRD will place Claim 1 into abeyance, consistent with Department of Justice guidance in response to Executive Order 14281. ECRD will resume investigation of Claim 2 consistent with the law and EPA procedures.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Case Manager Al Sweeney by email at sweeney.alfred@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights and Adjudication

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