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Re: Closure of EPA Complaint No. 01CR-22-R8

Dear Executive Director Ryan and Senior Director Ogletree:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Civil Rights and Adjudication (OCRA), External Civil Rights Division (ECRD) has determined that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has complied with the terms of the Informal Resolution Agreement (Agreement) dated January 15, 2025, between CDPHE and ECRD.

Pursuant to Section III of the Agreement, CDPHE has submitted information regarding its completion of Agreement commitments, including the following:

- Proposal of amendments for the Colorado State Implementation Plan (SIP) to the Air Quality Control Commission, to prevent sources with valid permits from using minor modification procedures under Regulation 3, Part C, Section X to begin construction of modifications without public notice and comment; and
- Initiation of a collaborative process with EPA Region 8 to discuss Region 8's practice for issuing similarly situated permits in a transparent and publicly accessible manner.

As such, ECRD is closing EPA Complaint No. 01CR-22-R8 as of the date of this letter. ECRD reminds CDPHE that a recipient of EPA financial assistance cannot discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in its programs or activities, nor can it retaliate for engaging in protected activity. ECRD is available to provide technical assistance or guidance on these obligations upon request.

ECRD appreciates CDPHE's collaboration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Case Manager Rebecca Gillman by email at Gillman.Rebecca@epa.gov and Case Manager Trinita Mason by email at Mason.Trinita@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juan Carlos Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

JuanCarlos M. Hunt, Director
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cc: Mark Smith, Deputy Regional Administrator/Deputy Civil Rights Official
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