OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND ADJUDICATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Centralized Case Management Operations
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
**via email:** OCRComplaint@hhs.gov

**RE: Referral of EPA Complaint No. 42-26-R4**

Dear HHS Centralized Case Management Operations:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights and Adjudication (OCRA), External Civil Rights Division (ECRD) received the above-referenced complaint against Florida State Hospital (FSH) on July 15, 2026.

ECRD is rejecting this complaint because FSH is not a recipient of EPA financial assistance. However, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may have jurisdiction over the alleged claims. Therefore, ECRD is referring this complaint to HHS. Copies of ECRD's letters to the Complainant and FSH, as well as a copy of the administrative complaint, are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Case Manager Rebecca Gillman by email at Gillman.Rebecca@epa.gov or by phone at (202) 564-7969.

Sincerely,

JuanCarlos Hunt

JuanCarlos M. Hunt, Director
U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights and Adjudication

Enclosures: Administrative Complaint
Rejection and Referral Letter to Complainant
Rejection and Referral Letter to Recipient

cc: Jeaneanne Gettle, Deputy Regional Administrator/Deputy Civil Rights Official
Suzanne Rubini, Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA, Region 4