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In Reply Refer to: EPA File No.: 06R-13-R2

Ms. Terri A. Dickerson Civil Rights Directorate (CG-00H) US Coast Guard Headquarters 2100 2nd St, SW STOP 7000 Washington, DC 20593-7000

Re: Acknowledgement and Receipt of Correspondence

Dear Director Dickerson:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received correspondence on February 19, 2013, alleging that the U.S. Coast Guard violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7. (A copy of the redacted complaint is enclosed.)

OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from EPA. After careful review OCR has concluded that it cannot process this correspondence because Title VI does not apply to the U.S. Coast Guard. 1

In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Ericka Farrell of my staff at (202) 564-0717, via e-mail at farrell.ericka@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely

Helena Wooden-Aguilar Acting Deputy Director Office of Civil Rights

Enclosure

¹ Title VI does not apply to federal agencies.

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