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EPA File No.: 07R-08-R6

Dr. Harlan "Mark" Guidry, CEO
Galveston County Health District
P.O. Box 939
La Marque, TX 77568

Re: Dismissal of Title VI Complaint

Dear Dr. Guidry:

The purpose of this letter and the enclosed Investigative Report is to dismiss the administrative complaint filed on June 24, 2008, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), pursuant to EPA's regulations implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*

The enclosed Investigative Report constitutes OCR's findings under Title VI and 40 C.F.R. Part 7 and dismissal of the complaint (EPA Complaint Number 07R-08-R6) pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(g). OCR finds no violations of EPA's Title VI regulations because the facts do not establish that GCHD's failure to install a continuous air monitoring system near chemical, petro chemical, and storage tank facilities on the east side of Texas City, Texas resulted in an adverse and disparate impact on the African American community.

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding this letter and its contents, please contact Anthony Napoli of the OCR External Civil Rights Program via Federal Relay Service 866-377-8642 and provide the relay operator his telephone number 202-564-0728. He may also be reached via electronic mail at Napoli.Anthony@epa.gov, or by mail at: U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460-1000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rafael DeLeon".

Rafael DeLeon
Director