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**In Reply Refer to:**

EPA File No. 10R-09-R4

John F. Martin, Esquire  
Martin Law Firm  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
113 Wappoo Creek Drive  
Charleston, SC 29412

**Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint**

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is in reference to your January 6, 2010, letter to our office providing additional information, in response to our December 17, 2009, letter requesting clarification, on the complaint you filed with us on October 19, 2009. Your complaint alleges that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA), and several other agencies violated Title VI and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations.

Your January 6, 2010, letter indicates specific concerns regarding high levels of toxic emissions on the Rosemont community resulting from altering Interstate Highway 26 to an access road that will be sited through the Rosemont neighborhood, increasing mobile emissions, traffic and delays in the Rosemont community. Because your concerns stem from transportation issues, by the enclosed letter, we have referred your complaint, with the additional information you provided to us, to Mr. Allen Masuda, Office of Civil Rights, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Karen Randolph of the External Compliance and Complaints Program by telephone at (202) 343-9679, via e-mail at [Randolph.karen@epa.gov](mailto:Randolph.karen@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen D. Higginbotham", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen D. Higginbotham  
Director

Enclosure

cc: Katherin E. Hall, Assistant General Counsel  
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Teresa Murray, EEO Officer  
EPA Region IV