

Policy on Nondiscrimination in Programs Receiving Federal Assistance



HRIA program or activity or to investigate a complaint alleging discrimination in a HRIA program or activity;

When preparing compliance information, HRiA shall use the racial classifications set forth in 40 CFR, Section 7.25, in determining categories of race, color, or national origin;

HRiA shall keep records of the compliance information identified in paragraphs (1)(a) and (1)(b), above, for at least three years after completing a project for which HRiA was a recipient of U.S. EPA assistance. When any complaint or other action for alleged failure by HRiA to comply with 40 CFR, Part 7, is brought before the three-



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1	Complainant	Submittal of Complaint: In order to have a complaint submittal considered for investigation under this procedure, the complainant shall file the complaint no later than 180 calendar days after the date(s) of the alleged act(s) of discrimination.
		The complaint shall be in writing and signed by the complainant or the complainant's representative and shall include contact information for the complainant or their representative.
		The complaint shall specify with as much detail as possible: The actions or inactions by HRiA that support an alleged violation

of 40 CFR, Part 7;

The alleged discrimination that did or will result from such actions or inactions;

The identity of the person(s) harmed or potentially harmed by the alleged discrimination; and

The section of 40 CFR, Part 7, that HRiA allegedly violated.

HRiA may request additional information from the complainant if needed to assist with meeting the complaint requirements listed above. Appropriate assistance shall be



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2	NCC	Logging of Complaint Submittals: All complaint submittals are to be logged. The NCC shall retain a copy of all documents on file in accordance with the records retention schedule. The NCC shall also notify the relevant program manager(s).
		The following are examples of what will not be logged as a complaint submittal:  Anonymous submittals;
		Submittals too vague to reasonably determine the allegations of discriminatory conduct;
		Submittals not sufficiently identifying the person(s) harmed or potentially harmed by the alleged discrimination;
		Inquiries seeking advice or information;
		Courtesy copies of court pleadings;
		Courtesy copies of complaints addressed to other local, state, or federal agencies;



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