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The Honorable Christopher Reardon, Acting Director
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OFFICE OF
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re: Title VI Complaint 16R-99-R9

Dear Director Reardon:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has completed its investigation of the above-referenced complaint, entitled *Angelita C., et al. v. California Department of Pesticide Regulations (CDPR)*. This letter is to advise you of OCR's preliminary finding, recommend further action, and invite you to engage in discussions. As described below, OCR's preliminary finding is that the evidence demonstrates a *prima facie* violation of Title VI for the period from 1995 to 2001 for which we propose a number of recommended measures for your consideration.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin under any program or activity of a recipient of federal financial assistance. Section 601 of Title VI prohibits intentional discrimination. It provides:

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. 42 U.S.C. § 2000d.

In addition, Section 602 of Title VI provides, in relevant part:

Each Federal department and agency which is empowered to extend Federal financial assistance to any program or activity, by way of grant, loan, or contract other than a contract of insurance or guaranty, is authorized and directed to effectuate the provisions of section 2000d of this title with respect to such program or activity by issuing rules, regulations, or orders of general applicability which shall be consistent with achievement of the objectives of the statute authorizing the financial assistance in connection with which the action is taken. 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-1.