

Antidiscrimination Laws

A Federal agency cannot discriminate against an employee or applicant with respect to the terms, conditions or privileges of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status or political affiliation. Discrimination on these bases is prohibited by one or more of the following statutes: 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(1), 29 U.S.C. 206(d), 29 U.S.C. 631, 29 U.S.C. 633a, 29 U.S.C. 791 and 42 U.S.C. 2000e-16.

- If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability, you must contact an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) counselor within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action, or, in the case of a personnel action, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action, before you can file a formal complaint of discrimination with the agency. See, 29 CFR part 1614.

- If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of age, you must either contact an EEO counselor as noted above or give notice of intent to sue to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory action.

- If you are alleging discrimination based on marital status or political affiliation, you may file a written complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) (see contact information below).

- In the alternative (or in some cases, in addition), you may pursue a discrimination complaint by filing a grievance through the agency's administrative or negotiated grievance procedures, if such procedures apply and are available.

Whistleblower Protection Laws

A Federal employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend or approve any personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to evidence violations of law, rule or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless disclosure of such information is specifically prohibited by law and such information is specifically required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of

foreign affairs. Retaliation against an employee or applicant for making a protected disclosure is prohibited by 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(8). If you believe that you have been the victim of whistle blower retaliation, you may file a written complaint (Form OSC-II) with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel at 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505 or online through the OSC Web site, www.osc.gov.

Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity

A Federal agency cannot retaliate against an employee or applicant because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protections laws listed above.

If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

Disciplinary Actions

Under the existing laws, each agency retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline a Federal employee who has engaged in discriminatory or retaliatory conduct, up to and including removal. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, however, according to 5 U.S.C. 1214(f), agencies must seek approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, or contact the EPA Office of Civil Rights, by mail: 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20640 MC1201A; by telephone: 202-564-7272; or by email: www.epa.gov/civilrights.

Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation laws can be found at the EEOC Web site, www.eeoc.gov and the OSC Web site, www.osc.gov.

Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any

rights otherwise available to any employees, former employees or applicants under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302 (d).

Dated: November 9, 2006.

Karen D. Higginbotham,
Director, Office of Civil Rights.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket# #EPA-R04-SFUND-2006-0864; FRL-8243-5]

Rosso Property Scrapyard Site; Dover, Craven County, NC; Notice of Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of settlement; correction.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency published in the **Federal Register** on November 1, 2006 a document concerning the Rosso Property Scrapyard Site located in Dover, Craven County, North Carolina. In the body of the notice the Constitution Road Superfund Site was mistakenly listed instead of the Rosso Property Scrapyard Site. EPA will be accepting comments only on the Rosso Property Scrapyard Site for the notice EPA-R04-SFUND-2006-0864; FRL-8237-4.

DATES: The original comment period of November 1, 2006 to December 1, 2006 will remain unchanged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula V. Batchelor at 404-562-8887 or at Batchelor.Paula@EPA.Gov.

Dated: November 16, 2006.

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Acting Chief, Superfund Enforcement and Information Management Branch, Superfund Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8247-9]

Notice of Tentative Approval and Solicitation of Request for a Public Hearing for Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).