

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Correspondence Received by the Custodian

Yusuf Abdullah Muhammad Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2018-67

v.

New Jersey of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Matthew J. Coefer **Request Received by Custodian:** N/A **GRC Complaint Received:** April 12, 2018

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certifies that neither he nor the Division of Water Quality received a request from the Complainant dated February 8, 2018.¹ Additionally, the Complainant has failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Therefore, this complaint is without any reasonable factual basis to pursue.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "A request for access to a government record shall be in writing and hand-delivered, mailed, transmitted electronically, or otherwise conveyed to the appropriate custodian." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-5(g).

"The council shall make a determination as to whether the complaint is within its jurisdiction or frivolous or *without any reasonable factual basis*." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-7(e) (emphasis added).

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk's Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.

Effective Date of Disposition: June 26, 2018

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Date: June 19, 2018

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¹ The OPRA request attached to the Denial of Access Complaint was addressed to "PO Box 029 . . . 08625-0027." The Custodian's actual address as noted in the Statement of Information is PO Box 420. This is also the address for the Division of Water Quality. <u>http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/</u> (accessed June 14, 2018).