NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
10 Baldwin Street
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Dear Environmental Justice Advisory Council,

The Natural Resources Board ("NRB") is pleased to provide the Environmental Justice Advisory Council with the following annual summary detailing all complaints alleging Environmental Justice issues or Title VI violations and any agency action taken to resolve the complaints, as required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 4001(d).

The Natural Resources Board is responsible for the administration of permitting subject to Title 10, Chapter 151, commonly known as Act 250. As a covered agency, the NRB is required to implement the Environmental Justice Law and policies set forth at Title 3, Chapter 72. Likewise, as a recipient of federal funds, the NRB is subject to the antidiscrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. *See also* Act 154 at Sec.1(12).

In the reporting period from May 31, 2022 until this report, the NRB did not receive any complaints alleging environmental justice issues or Title VI violations, and therefore no action to resolve such complaints was taken. Nonetheless, in October 2023, the NRB stood up a reporting page on its website, a screenshot of which is attached to this letter. The reporting page provides a plain language explanation of what Environmental Justice or Title VI concerns may look like, and contact information for the general public to report allegations by phone, mail, or to a regularly-monitored, dedicated email inbox (NRB.EJ@vermont.gov). A link to the Environmental Justice Reporting Page appears on NRB's main page and below the lefthand menu on every page of the NRB website.

NRB welcomes the Council's recommendations and guidance, to continue the important work of identifying, reducing, and eliminating environmental health disparities to improve the health and well-being of all Vermont residents.

Sincerely,

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