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# Citizen Suit Enforcement/Clean Water Act: Environmental Integrity Project Submits Notice of Intent to Sue National Archives and Records Administration for Alleged Violations

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The Environmental Integrity Project ("EIP") sent a December 16<sup>th</sup> letter to the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA") stating its intent to sue for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act.

EIP alleges that a College Park, Maryland NARA facility has committed:

... serious and ongoing violations have caused and continue to cause discharges of significant amounts of pollutants, such as copper, to an unnamed tributary of Paint Branch, which is a tributary of the Anacostia River and within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The December 16<sup>th</sup> letter also alleges that the NARA facility has failed to comply with monitoring and reporting requirements in violation of its Clean Water Act National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit.

The NARA facility is stated to discharge non-contact cooling water.

The waters into which it is discharging are stated to be categorized by the Maryland Department of the Environment as Use I waters and protected for water contact recreation, fishing, aquatic life, and wildlife. Further, Paint Branch is stated to have been identified as impaired for biological indicators under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act.

[Click here to download a copy of the December 16<sup>th</sup> letter.](#)