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**Subject:** RE: allegations of wrongdoing against Drs. Huq and Clark; kindly acknowledge receipt  
**Importance:** High

**Dear Provost Mary Ann Rankin,**

Your Executive Assistant wrote "...In keeping with our protocol on such matters, I am referring your message (by copy) to our Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, Dr. John Bertot." Frankly, I doubt that you have a protocol on allegations of complicity in crimes against humanity. If I were in your shoes, I would not hide behind the skirts of a subordinate; the matter is too important and was addressed to you. Whatever the end result you must take full responsibility and liability as Provost and Senior Vice President of the University of Maryland. Please understand that I have zero tolerance for whitewashing and/or bureaucratic runarounds.

Sincerely,

**J. Marvin Herndon, Ph.D.**

**From:** [brodgers@umd.edu](mailto:brodgers@umd.edu) [mailto:[brodgers@umd.edu](mailto:brodgers@umd.edu)] **On Behalf Of** Provost (SHARED)  
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**Subject:** Re: allegations of wrongdoing against Drs. Huq and Clark; kindly acknowledge receipt

Dear Dr. Hendon:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your message to Provost Rankin. In keeping with our protocol on such matters, I am referring your message (by copy) to our Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, Dr. John Bertot.

Sincerely,  
Bev Rodgerson  
Executive Assistant to the Provost

On Thu, Jul 28, 2016 at 8:55 AM, J. Marvin Herndon <[mherndon@san.rr.com](mailto:mherndon@san.rr.com)> wrote:

**July 28, 2016**

**Mary Ann Rankin, Provost and Senior Vice President**

**University of Maryland**

**Dear Dr. Rankin,**

**I herewith file formal complaint to the University of Maryland against Dr. Anwar Huq, Research Professor, and Dr. Jane E. Clark, Dean, School of Public Health.**

**I allege the following:**

**1. Dr. Huq knowingly and willingly acted to deceive the scientific community and the public of evidence on the existence and health risks of a public health threat potentially affecting millions of people.**

**2. Dr. Huq knowingly and willingly became party to a systematic assault on my scientific credibility and my good name in furtherance of said alleged action to deceive the scientific community and the public of evidence on the existence and health risks of a public health threat potentially affecting millions of people.**

**3. Dr. Huq knowingly and willingly abrogated long-existent ethical standards of scientific behavior in furtherance of 1) and 2) above.**

**4. Dr. Clark failed to maintain the integrity of the School of Public Health by permitting the actions of Dr. Huq, as alleged in 1), 2) and 3) above, instead of demanding he make corrections or else firing him for cause.**

**Here I provide a brief overview of the circumstances warranting the above allegations. For details please refer to the following posted communications with their document links: <http://www.nuclearplanet.com/retraction.html>. About a year ago, I published the first paper in the scientific literature providing evidence that the particulate matter being sprayed into the air we breathe on a near-daily, near-global basis is toxic coal fly ash:**

**<http://www.nuclearplanet.com/2173.pdf> The editor received a criticism-filled email from Dr. Andras Szilagyi demanding retraction. The editor properly asked me to respond in writing which I did: <http://nuclearplanet.com/csresponse.pdf>**

**Please read that response and you should understand beyond a shadow of doubt that this was an attempt to cause retraction based upon lies and misrepresentations.**

**On June 30, 2016 I published a new peer-reviewed paper in Frontiers of Public Health that provided three independent lines of evidence of the use of coal fly**

ash in the aerial spraying and a broader discussion of adverse public health risks:

<http://www.nuclearplanet.com/frontiers1.pdf>

Then along came Dr. Szilagyi and others to cause the retraction which was approved by Dr. Huq without ethical due process. Read the correspondence and you will see that this is a similar action, except that I was neither provided the verbatim comments nor given the opportunity to respond, even though I advised the journal of Dr. Szilagyi's previous action.

Notice has been filed in Canada and in the United States of intent to file lawsuits naming coal fly ash as the likely substance being sprayed into the air we breathe. Because of the widespread and pervasive nature of the spraying, those intended lawsuits may be just the tip of the iceberg. Dr. Huq, I allege, has now subjected the University of Maryland to potentially staggering liability. No one has the right to poison humanity, including its most vulnerable: pregnant women, children, the elderly, and those with compromised respiratory and immune systems. No one has the right to hide the evidence of such poisoning and its potentially adverse health consequences, especially those involved with public health.

I think it is safe to say that you have never been involved with a problem of the scale of crimes against humanity. But for a brief period of time your problem in principle can have a simple solution. If I were in your shoes, I would advise Dr. Huq that the University of Maryland does not engage in the kind of actions he took and suggest that, if those actions were taken in error, he has 48 hours to correct the error before being fired for cause.

Respectfully, I would say that likewise you have a narrow window of time to correct said errors before the matter escalates beyond the University of Maryland.

Kindly advise me of your actions in this matter.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Sincerely,

J. Marvin Herndon, Ph.D.