## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Launeil Sanders,	)	
Plaintiff,	Case: 1:17-cv-00431 Assigned To : Unassigned	(F-Deck)
V.	Assigned 10 : Onassigned  Assign. Date : 3/10/2017  Description: Pro Se Gen. Civil	
U.S. EPA Administrator et al.,	)	
Defendants.	)	

## MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP). Under the statute governing IFP proceedings, the Court is required to dismiss a case "at any time" it determines that the action is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. 28 U.S.C. § 1915 (e)(2). For the reasons explained below, the Court will dismiss this action as frivolous.

Plaintiff is a resident of Boiling Springs, South Carolina. He has filed suit against the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the International Paper Company. The complaint consists mostly of puzzling narratives. In the beginning of the complaint, however, plaintiff states that he is "writing . . . to ask [for] help in bringing [his] new technology to market." Compl. at 1. Plaintiff states that he has "filed many lawsuits in federal court in Greenville, South Carolina." *Id.* In fact, he has filed so many suits that in 2014, the District of South Carolina adopted a magistrate judge's report and recommendation and dismissed plaintiff's repetitive claims "as both frivolous and malicious." *Sanders v. U.S. EPA*, No. 7:13-CV-02945-RBH, 2014

WL 12538159, at \*2 (D.S.C. Apr. 21, 2014). Plaintiff fared no better in his appeal of that order.

See Sanders v. EPA Adm'r, 585 Fed. App'x 52 (4th Cir. 2014) (per curiam) ("We have reviewed

the record and find that this appeal is frivolous. Accordingly, we deny leave to proceed in forma

pauperis and dismiss the appeal for the reasons stated by the district court.").

As best this Court can tell, the instant complaint, naming the same defendants as in the

prior cases, is premised on the same "meritless" accusations underlying the complaints dismissed

by the District of South Carolina as frivolous, malicious or for failure to state a claim. Sanders,

2014 WL 12538159, at \*2 (citing cases). Like the prior cases, this action lacks "an arguable

basis either in law or in fact." Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989). Therefore, it too

will be dismissed as frivolous. See Denton v. Hernandez, 504 U.S. 25, 33 (1992) ("[A] finding

of factual frivolousness is appropriate when the facts alleged rise to the level of the irrational or

the wholly incredible[.]"); Crisafi v. Holland, 655 F.2d 1305, 1307-08 (D.C. Cir. 1981) ("A court

may dismiss as frivolous complaints . . . postulating events and circumstances of a wholly

fanciful kind."). A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: March 7<sup>4</sup>, 2017

United States District Judge

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