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## Cal Recycle Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

June 22, 2023

Yana Garcia Secretary for Environmental Protection Rachel Machi Wagoner CalRecycle Director

Sent via e-mail

Chris Smith President The Drug Takeback Solutions Foundation P.O. Box 997 Winston-Salem, NC 27102

## Re: CalRecycle's Completeness Determination of The Foundation's 2024 Annual Program Budget for Home-Generated Sharps Waste

Dear Chris Smith:

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) received The Drug Takeback Solution's Foundation's (The Foundation) 2024 annual program budget for home-generated sharps waste on May 31, 2023, titled, *Annual Program Budget for Home-Generated Sharps Waste Stewardship Program*, which included an independent financial audit of The Foundation's stewardship program titled, *Drug Takeback Solutions Foundation Financial Statements, Year Ended December 31, 2022.* Public Resources Code (PRC) section 42033.2(d)(1) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) section 18973.1(b) require CalRecycle to determine if the annual program budget is complete and notify The Foundation of its determination within 30 days of receipt (i.e., by June 30, 2023).

Staff reviewed The Foundation's 2024 annual program budget for home-generated sharps waste for completeness pursuant to the requirements in PRC sections 42033.2(a)(2) and 42033.2(c) and 14 CCR sections 18973, 18973.1(b), and 18973.6 and found the annual program budget complete.

This completeness determination is separate from the compliance determination CalRecycle will now conduct pursuant to 14 CCR sections 18973.1(d) through (f). CalRecycle has 90 days from the date of the annual program budget submittal to review for compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements and approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the annual program budget (i.e., by August 29, 2023).

Questions regarding this letter may be directed to <u>pharmasharps@calrecycle.ca.gov</u>.

Regards,

Signed by: Rachel Machi Wagoner, Director

Dated: June 22, 2023

Cc: Jason Smyth, Supervisor, Pharmaceutical and Sharps Unit Morgan Buchan, Environmental Scientist, Pharmaceutical and Sharps Unit