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Sent via e-mail

**Re: CalRecycle's Completeness Determination of The Foundation's 2023 Annual Report and 2025 Annual Program Budget for Covered Drugs**

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) received The Drug Takeback Solutions Foundation's (The Foundation) 2023 annual report for covered drugs on March 29, 2024, titled, *The Drug Takeback Solutions Foundation State of California Stewardship Plan for Covered Drugs 2023 Annual Report* and its 2025 annual program budget for covered drugs on April 1, 2024, titled, *Annual Program Budget for Covered Drugs*, respectively, the latter of which included an independent financial audit of The Foundation's stewardship program titled, *Drug Takeback Solutions Foundation Financial Statements, Year Ended December 31, 2023*. 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 report and annual program budget are complete and notify The Foundation of its determinations within 30 days of receipt (i.e., by April 29, 2024, and May 1, 2024, respectively).

Staff reviewed The Foundation's 2023 annual report and 2025 annual program budget for covered drugs for completeness pursuant to the requirements in PRC sections 42033.2(a) through (c) and 14 CCR sections 18973, 18973.1(b), 18973.4, and 18973.6 and found the annual report and annual program budget complete.

These completeness determinations are separate from the compliance determinations CalRecycle will now conduct pursuant to 14 CCR sections 18973.1(d) through (f). CalRecycle has 90 days from the date of receipt of the 2023 annual report and 2025 annual program budget for covered drugs to review for compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and The Foundation's stewardship plan requirements and approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the annual report and annual program budget (i.e., by June 27, 2024, and July 1, 2024, respectively).

Questions regarding this letter may be directed to [pharmasharps@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:pharmasharps@calrecycle.ca.gov).

Regards,

**Signed by:** Krystal Acierto, Acting Director

**Dated:** April 29, 2024

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