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MED-Project IL, LLC Attn: Jim Wilson, Lead Director-Legal and Compliance 47 W Polk St., Suite 100-618 Chicago, Illinois 60605

Re: Drug Take-Back Act Program Proposals (submitted by MED-Project and Inmar)

Dear Ms. Alstad and Mr. Wilson,

Illinois EPA has completed the review of the two (2) Manufacturer Program Operator Proposals ("proposals") submitted in accordance with 410 ILCS 720 ("Drug Take-Back Act" or "Act"). Pursuant to Section 35(a) of the Act, each covered manufacturer was required, individually or collectively, to submit a proposal to Illinois EPA by July 1, 2023, for the establishment and implementation of a Drug Take-Back Program. Inmar and MED-Project both submitted proposals on July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023, respectively. In addition, MED-Project submitted a proposal amendment on September 20, 2023, which removes all discussion of the Grant Program from Section III.A.4, and removes all references to "Grant Program," "Funding Grant," and "Grant-Funded Collection Receptacle" in Section II, III.C.2, III.C.4, VII.D.1, and Appendix C of their proposal.

Illinois EPA has reviewed both proposals in conjunction with one another and determined that the proposals are Approved with the Modifications listed below, provided that the documentation is submitted to Illinois EPA by December 31, 2023 demonstrating those required items have been addressed.

Pursuant to Section 35(a), "The proposal must demonstrate that the drug take-back program will fulfill the requirements under Section 25. If the Agency receives more than one proposal for a drug take-back program, the Agency shall review all proposals in conjunction with one another to ensure the proposals are coordinated to achieve the authorized collection site coverage set forth in subsection (j) of Section 25." Please note, the minimum coverage requirements have not been met in the following counties:

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- Calhoun
- Clark
- Gallatin
- Hardin
- Henderson

- Jasper
- Pope
- Putnam
- Stark

In accordance with Section 25(k), a drug take-back program may include mail-back distribution locations within the county to reach compliance with the minimum coverage requirements of the Act. The minimal coverage requirements may be achieved via physical collection location or mail-back distribution system in the above counties, with documentation submitted to Illinois EPA prior to December 31, 2023 demonstrating the method(s) utilized to achieve compliance in each county.

Pursuant to Section 35(b), "The Agency shall approve a proposed program if each covered manufacturer and manufacturer program operator participating in the program has registered and paid the fee under Section 60." Illinois EPA records show that over 200 manufacturers have not met this requirement for 2023. The 2023 Manufacturer registrations and payments must be completed and submitted by December 31, 2023.

We are looking forward to updates regarding the program operation initiation with collections officially set to begin no later than December 1, 2023. Please feel free to contact me at 217-785-7492 or valerie.a.davis@illinois.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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