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Amy Dickson, Chief Operating Officer
Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains
7155 E. 38th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80207

Re: Special Waste Manifesting, Planned Parenthood, 701 San Mateo Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM

Dear Amy Dickson:

On May 6, 2021, I received the 17 special waste manifests you provided at my request pursuant to the Solid Waste Bureau's investigation of a complaint involving Planned Parenthood's contracted infectious waste hauler. Upon review of the manifests, which were dated from January 8, 2021 through April 30, 2021, I noted that the generator block was insufficiently completed, as the name of Planned Parenthood's representative was consistently written as "Raquel" only, with a corresponding signature written only as the letter "R." The SWB acknowledges that it is possible that these represent the person's legal name and signature, but it seems reasonable to question. Special waste manifests are required and document chain-of-custody by providing accurate information regarding the release and acceptance of the waste from the point of generation to its final disposal ("cradle to grave"). Accordingly, I want to be sure that the representative's complete name and legal signature are used on all special waste manifests in the future. As a reminder, the New Mexico Solid Waste Rules, 20.9.8.19.C NMAC, require all special waste manifests to accurately reflect the necessary information, including the signature of the generator.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 795-1232 or daniel.galasso@state.nm.us. You may also contact George W. Akeley, Jr. ("Chuck"), Manager, Enforcement Section, Solid Waste Bureau, NMED, at (505) 670-3283 or chuck.akeley@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Galasso
Enforcement Officer

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