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Dear Dr. Adams:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a drinking water audit of the New Mexico Department of Health Laboratory to determine if the laboratory meets criteria for certification under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The first phase of the audit was conducted on-site November 4-7, 2019 and covered microbiology and a partial list of chemistry and radiochemistry methods. In the second phase, a remote audit was conducted September 21-October 1, 2020 for the remaining chemistry and radiochemistry methods not covered during the on-site visit. Your responses to the on-site and remote audit reports were received June 9, 2020 and November 17, 2020, respectively. The New Mexico Department of Health successfully met the regulatory performance criteria for certification. Based upon this successful completion of the criteria for drinking water certification, the New Mexico Department of Health is granted certification for chemistry, microbiology and radiochemistry parameters in drinking water listed on the attached Scope of Certification.

The certification is valid for a period of three years (December 30, 2020 to December 30, 2023) unless withdrawn at an earlier time. The requirements for maintaining your certification as outlined in the Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water (EPA 815-R-05-004, January 2005) are: (1) satisfactorily analyzing a proficiency testing sample annually; (2) using methodologies sanctioned by the drinking water regulations or otherwise approved by U.S. EPA; (3) notifying the certifying authority within 30 days of major changes in personnel, equipment or location; and (4) undergoing a satisfactory on-site evaluation. Region 6 will continue to perform periodic evaluations of your quality assurance program and will provide technical assistance if necessary.

Should you have any questions, please contact Marvelyn Humphrey at 281-983-2140.

Sincerely,

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