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Subject: *Google Services and Workspace NIST SP 800-171r3 Compliance*

The purpose of this letter is to provide Google Services and Workspace customers with an independent perspective on Google's implementation of NIST SP 800-171r3 requirements for the 2023– 2024 reporting period.

The Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) is a government-wide program that provides a standardized approach to security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring for cloud-based services. As an accredited FedRAMP Third Party Assessment Organization (3PAO), Coalfire Systems (Coalfire) conducts independent security assessments for cloud service provider offerings such as the Google Services, a set of services residing within the Google Services authorization boundary. As a 3PAO, Coalfire is required to meet strict accreditation requirements that ensure assessment independence and integrity. FedRAMP is recognized within the industry as one of the most comprehensive risk assessment programs for commercial or government agency cloud environments.

From August 7, 2023 to April 12, 2024, Coalfire performed a FedRAMP High baseline assessment of Google Services and Workspace. Each assessment included security control analysis, vulnerability scanning, and penetration testing in accordance with the FedRAMP rev.5 requirements. This version incorporates the new Supply Chain Management Controls. The results of assessment activities are documented in the respective Google Services FedRAMP Security Assessment Report (SAR), dated March 8, 2024 and the Google Workspace FedRAMP SAR dated April 12th.

With the May 2024 release of NIST800-171r3, Coalfire performed comparative analysis of the controls against the FedRAMP High Baseline and determined that the requirements were tested as part of FedRAMP assessment activities. By validating that a common control framework is in place for the authorization boundary, confirming that Google Services has adopted these controls, Coalfire concludes that Google Services is aligned with the requirements established in NIST SP 800-171r3.

Coalfire is a leading 3PAO in the FedRAMP program, having performed extensive assessments for the world's leading cloud technologies. Our reputation has been built on the comprehensiveness of our assessments that we provide to our clients and the overall thoroughness of our reviews on behalf of the US Federal Government. We stand behind all the work we perform and put forth unbiased deliverables outlining the findings from assessment activities. Any recommendations for authorization are based on the results of our review and presented to the US Federal Government for their authorization determination.

