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NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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May 21, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-410-431-393

Mr. Lynn Shelton
Environmental Manager
Giant Refining Co.
P.O. Box 159
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**RE: Six Month Extension Approval - Remediation Proposal, River Terrace
GW-001, "San Juan Refining Company"
San Juan County, NM**

Dear Mr. Shelton:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received (via fax, with hard copy to follow) the request letter dated May 20, 1997. The letter requests a six (6) month extension to submit the "Remediation Plan" for the river terrace area. The purpose of the extension as requested is to allow the previous facility owners to be involved in the remedial selection because Giant is in the process of negotiating a settlement with the previous facility owners. **The requested extension to November 28, 1997 is hereby approved, provided Giant continue the Bi-weekly reporting and monitoring as required by the OCD on March 14, 1997.**

Be advised that OCD approval of this extension does not relieve Giant from responsibility to comply with other federal, state, and local rules/regulations that may apply. Further, OCD approval does not relieve Giant from liability associated with the facility should it be found at a later date that contamination exists beyond the scope of this approval. In the mean time should Giant have any questions, or updates regarding this matter please feel free to call myself at (505)-827-7152 or Pat Sanchez of the OCD Santa Fe Office at (505)-827-7156.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Anderson
Environmental Bureau Chief, OCD

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c: Mr. Denny Foust - Aztec OCD District Office
Mr. Robert S. Dinwiddie, PH.D - NMED, HRMB
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