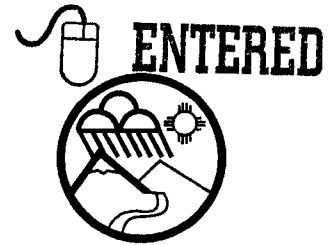


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August 11, 2006

Mr. Randy Schmaltz
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**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GROUNDWATER SAMPLING EVENT,
AUGUST 15, 2006
GIANT REFINING COMPANY, BLOOMFIELD REFINERY
EPA ID # NMD089416416
HWB-GRCB-06-004**

Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received Giant Refining Company, Bloomfield Refinery's (GRCB) notification dated August 1, 2006 informing NMED of the August 15, 2006 annual groundwater sampling event. GRCB must perform the following sampling requirements established in this letter for the August annual groundwater sampling event.

Comment 1

GRCB must sample all observation and monitoring wells (MW-#11, MW-#12, MW-#20, MW-#21, MW-#38, MW-#39, MW-#45, MW-#46, MW-#47), identified in the Six Month and Annual Report to the North Boundary Barrier Collection System during the scheduled groundwater monitoring event (August 15, 2006). The observation wells and monitoring wells must be analyzed for DRO, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes (BTEX), and methyl tertbutyl ether (MTBE).

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NMED is aware that some of the observation wells are yielding low amounts of water. GRCB must sample all observation wells that contain enough water for sample collection. If a well is bailed or pumped dry and there is no immediate recharge, then, GRCB may sample the well if recharge is sufficient for sample collection within 24 hours and does not need to remove three well volumes of water. In theory, if a well is pumped dry, the recharge will be formation water. If an observation well is not sampled, GRCB must provide the reason for not sampling the well. For example, if an observation well is bailed or pumped dry and within 24 hours does not recharge sufficiently for sample collection, this must be documented.

Comment 2

All automated and manual extraction of separate phase hydrocarbons (SPH) and water from recovery well, observation wells, and collection wells must be discontinued for 48 hours prior to the measurement of water and SPH levels.

If you have questions regarding this letter please contact me at 505-428-2545.

Sincerely,



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