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February 26, 2008

Ms. Hope Monzeglio
State of New Mexico Environmental Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

Re: Evaluation of Interim Measures
GIANT REFINING COMPANY, BLOOMFIED REFINERY

Dear Ms. Monzeglio:

Thanks for your timely review of our recent submittal regarding our evaluation of the interim measures along the North Boundary Barrier. In response to you email of February 15, 2007, the "seeps", which are located primarily north of MW-45, MW-46 and MW-47, are numbered 1 through 9. This is reflected on Figure 9 of the Facility-Wide Groundwater Monitoring Plan. Because there are no current discharges of groundwater at seep locations 2, 3, 4, or 5, these "seeps" were not identified as future sample locations in the Evaluation of Interim Measure Report.

It is important to note that seeps # 3 and #4 are actually secondary catchments that were constructed in the arroyo below seep #1 and that in this area groundwater discharges from only from seep #1. Seeps #2 and #5 did have historic flows but groundwater discharge has ceased since installation of the slurry wall.

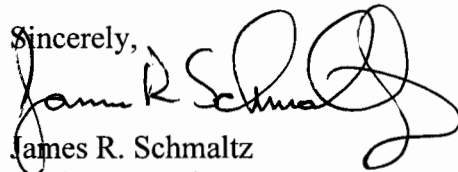
Giant Refining Company proposes to check all of the identified seep locations (#1 - #9) on a bi-weekly basis to determine if there is evidence of an active groundwater discharge. The presence of groundwater discharges will be recorded and during the semi-annual sampling event, water samples will be collected from all seeps that have indicated an active groundwater discharge within the past six months, assuming water is present during the sampling event.

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If you have additional questions or would like to discuss the sampling further, please contact me at (505) 632-4171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Schmaltz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

James R. Schmaltz
Environmental Manager

Cc: Carl Chavez - OCD
Dave Cobrain - NMED HWB
C. Frischkorn - NMED HWB
A. Hains - Western Refining, El Paso

Monzeglio, Hope, NMENV

From: Randy Schmaltz [Randy.Schmaltz@wnr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 1:38 PM
To: Monzeglio, Hope, NMENV
Cc: Cobrain, Dave, NMENV; Frischkorn, Cheryl, NMENV; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Scott Crouch; Allen Hains; Cindy Hurtado
Subject: RE: Seeps
Attachments: NMED HWB-Seep Response letter.doc

Hope,

Please find enclosed a letter clarifying Bloomfield's intentions regarding the seeps. I have also mail a hard copy of this letter to you for your records.

Thanks
 Randy

From: Monzeglio, Hope, NMENV [mailto:hope.monzeglio@state.nm.us]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 8:01 AM
To: Randy Schmaltz
Cc: Cobrain, Dave, NMENV; Frischkorn, Cheryl, NMENV; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Scott Crouch
Subject: Seeps

Randy

To clarify, Seep North of MW-45, Seep North of MW-46, and Seep North of MW-47 are know going to be called Seep 1, Seep 6, Seep 7, Seep 8, and Seep 9 (as identified in the *Evaluation of Interim Measures* document).

Are there any other seeps that need to be included? Carl brought to my attention that there maybe seeps 2-5? Please let me know the status of these, the locations, and Giant's view point on including these in the semi-annual monitoring as proposed in the *Evaluation of Interim Measures* document?

Thanks

Hope

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