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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 14, 2008

Mr. Randy Schmaltz
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**RE: RESPONSE TO APPROVAL WITH DIRECTION COMMENT
RIVER TERRACE VOLUNTARY CORRECTIVE MEASURES
BIOVENTING SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT
JANUARY 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 2007
GIANT REFINING COMPANY, BLOOMFIELD REFINERY
EPA ID# NMD089416416
HWB-GRCB-08-002**

Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

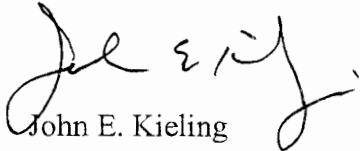
NMED sent an Approval with Direction letter to the Western Refining, Bloomfield Refinery (Western), dated May 6, 2008 for the *River Terrace Voluntary Corrective Measure Bioventing System Annual Report (January 2007 through December 2007)*. In Comment 2 of the Approval with Direction letter, NMED required Western to explain why they applied the screening value for diesel # 2 crankcase oil instead of the screening value for unknown oil.

In response to Comment 2, Randy Schmaltz emailed NMED an email dated May 23, 2007 (from NMED to the Refinery) where NMED instructed Western to compare the diesel range organic (DRO) results at the River Terrace to NMED's Total Petroleum Screening Guidelines, Table 2a, Column "Concentrations in Groundwater (mg/L)" to diesel 1.72 mg/l. This was an oversight by NMED. Western has adequately responded to Comment 2 of the May 6, 2008 Approval with Direction and may continue to compare the DRO concentrations in groundwater to diesel of 1.72 mg/L.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Hope Monzeglio of my staff at (505) 476-6045.

Sincerely,



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