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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 18, 2008

Mr. Randy Schmaltz  
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**RE: APPROVAL WITH DIRECTION  
2007 GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION AND MONITORING  
ANNUAL REPORT  
WESTERN REFINING COMPANY, BLOOMFIELD REFINERY  
EPA ID# NMD089416416  
HWB-GRCB-08-003**

Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Western Refining Bloomfield Refinery's (Western) *2007 Groundwater Remediation and Monitoring Annual Report* (Report), dated April 2008. NMED hereby issues this Approval with Direction and provides the following comments.

**Comment 1**

In the next annual groundwater monitoring report, Western must revise the tables within the report to cite the correct groundwater standards as outlined in Section VII.A (Groundwater Clean up Levels) of Order No. HWB 07-34 (CO) (Order).

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**Comment 2**

As stated by Western in the Report, future sampling events will follow the guidelines from the approved *Facility-Wide Groundwater Monitoring Plan* dated December 2007. Western must also follow all requirements established in NMED's Approval with Direction dated March 28, 2008.

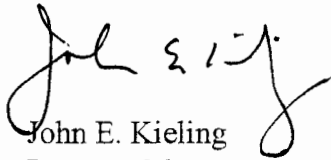
**Comment 3**

Western states in the Executive Summary that "Tank #33 effluent was sampled on a quarterly basis in 2007. Quarterly sampling will continue."

The 2008 first quarter results for Tank # 33 reported benzene detections above the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) standard. Western must follow the steps outlined in their April 8, 2008 email to NMED and report all actions taken pertaining to Tank #33 in the annual monitoring report.

Western must address all requirements included in this letter in future reports. If you have questions regarding this Approval with Direction please contact Hope Monzeglio of my staff at 505-476-6045.

Sincerely,



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