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October 3, 2008

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Hazardous Waste Bureau
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Re: Monitoring Requirements
Evaluation of Interim Measures
Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery
EPA ID# NMD089416416
HWB-GRCB-08-001

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Pursuant to your letter of September 25 2008, Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery ("Western") has begun the collection of fluid level data from all observation wells, MW-45, and MW-47 on a biweekly basis. This activity will be conducted for the next six months and the resulting data submitted to NMED and OCD on or before April 20, 2009 as directed.

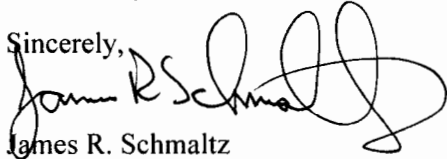
In addition, you requested that Western provide a plan that "proposes the hydraulic characterization of the aquifer on the down-gradient (river) side of the barrier wall." In keeping with the desire to determine the best solution to recover product on the river side of the slurry wall, Western would like to complete the aforementioned six-month observation period prior to proposing the requested plan. Western will review the fluid level data as it is collected and use the information to develop preliminary recommendations for inclusion in a subsequent plan.

I suggest that we schedule a meeting near the end of the six-month observation period. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the results of the data collection effort and to discuss our preliminary recommendations. I believe this short delay will allow us not only to incorporate the new fluid level data, but to work toward development of a final plan that can be approved and implemented without further delay. Thanks in advance for your consideration and please contact me with any questions.

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Sincerely,



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