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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 7, 2008

Mr. Randy Schmaltz  
Environmental Supervisor  
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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. Schmaltz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received and reviewed Western Refining Southwest, Inc.'s (Western) letter entitled *Monitoring Requirements Evaluation of Interim Measures* dated October 3, 2008. This letter was in response to NMED's September 2, 2008 letter that provided monitoring requirements to the evaluation of interim measures.

NMED's September 2, 2008 letter requires Western to submit a plan that proposes the hydraulic characterization of the aquifer on the down-gradient side of the barrier wall on or before November 17, 2008. Western has requested an extension for the submittal of this plan until after the six-month observation period for measurement of fluid levels from all of the observation wells, MW-45, and MW-47, in order to gather additional information.

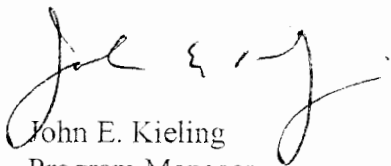
NMED hereby approves Western's request. Western must submit the plan that proposes the hydraulic characterization of the aquifer to NMED and the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) on or before June 20, 2009. Western must schedule a meeting with NMED and the OCD at the end of the six-month observation period to review the results of the data collection and discuss any

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preliminary recommendations.

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

Sincerely,



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