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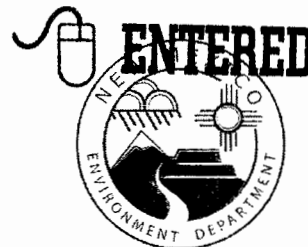
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October 27, 2009

Mr. Randy Schmaltz
Environmental Manager
Western Refining Southwest, Inc
Bloomfield Refinery
P.O. Box 159
Bloomfield, New Mexico 87413

**RE: APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE
2009 IN-SITU RESPIRATION TEST AT THE RIVER TERRACE
WESTERN REFINING COMPANY, SOUTHWEST INC.
BLOOMFIELD REFINERY
EPA ID# NMD089416416
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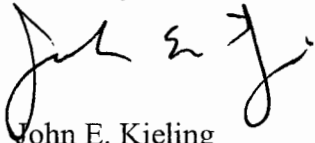
Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received Western Refining Southwest Inc., Bloomfield Refinery's (Western) letter dated, October 16, 2009 requesting changes to the 2009 In-Situ Respiration Test. Western is requesting a change to the frequency of monitoring all bioventing wells (first 72 hours) and temporary wells 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, and 9 (next 48 hours) from every 12 hours to three sampling events over an eight hour period (8 a.m., 12 noon, and 4 p.m). In addition, Western proposes to perform another in-situ respiration test in June 2010 if river levels permit. NMED hereby approves the monitoring frequency changes to the respiration test as well as the test to be performed in June 2010.

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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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