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Re:

Submittal of Group 7 Remedy Completion Report Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery EPA ID# NMD089416416

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

This document is being submitted in accordance with Provision IV.B.5 of the July 27, 2007 Order [HWB 07-34 (CO)] for Group 7. The Order specifies submittal of a remedy completion report for SWMU No. 17 River Terrace Area on or before June 30, 2010. The fact that the remedy is not yet completed was discussed with New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) staff during a meeting held on March 4, 2010. Pursuant to those discussions, Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery has prepared the following the discussion on the River Terrace remediation program.

The River Terrace Bioventing Remediation System, which includes thirteen bioventing wells and two dewatering wells, was installed in 2005 and began operation in January 2006. An additional ground water collection gallery was installed in October 2009 to improve the dewatering system. Annual monitoring reports are submitted to the NMED in accordance with Order Provision V.B.1 to document the progress of the bioventing system. The most recent of these reports prepared for the period January – December 2009 (dated March 2010), provides specific details on the on-going remedial operations and monitoring results. The monitoring data, including the most recent in-situ respiration test data, indicate that the bioventing system is continuing to successfully treat hydrocarbons present in soils and ground water.

As directed by NMED in the June 10, 2010 Approval with Direction River Terrace Voluntary Corrective Measures Bioventing System Annual Report (January-December 2009), Western will continue to operate the bioventing system in accordance with monitoring and sampling requirements established in NMED's June 16, 2009 Approval with Direction River Terrace Voluntary Corrective Action Bioventing System Annual Report January 2008 through December 2008.

I trust that submittal of this document, as well as the annual monitoring report in March 2010, will satisfy the requirements of Ordering Provision IV.B.5 for Group 7. Upon successful completion of the remediation of the River Terrace Area, Western will submit a final Remedy Completion Report. If you have questions or would like to discuss this submittal, then please contact me at (505) 632-4171.

Sincerely,

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**Environmental Manager** 

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