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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

July 19, 2010

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

**RE: APPROVAL WITH DIRECTION  
2009 GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION AND MONITORING  
ANNUAL REPORT  
WESTERN REFINING COMPANY SOUTHWEST, INC.  
BLOOMFIELD REFINERY  
EPA ID# NMD089416416  
HWB-WRB-10-004**

Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has completed its review of the Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery (Western) *Annual Groundwater Remediation and Monitoring Annual Report* (Report) dated April 2010. NMED hereby approves this Report with the following direction.

**Comment 1**

In Section 2 (Scope of Activities), page 2, Western states “[a] bi-weekly visual inspection of Seeps 1-9 and the San Juan River Bluff occurred throughout 2009...During the week the week of April 6, 2009 semi-annual samples were collected from Seeps 1, 3, 6, 8, and 9 and analyzed for BTEX...” The rest of the document addresses these Seeps but never mentions the status of seeps 2, 4, 5, and 7. In an addendum to the Reprot, Western must discuss the status of Seeps 2, 4, 5, and 7. In addition, Western must indicate the status of these seeps in future annual reports.

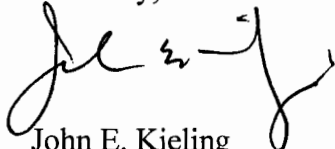
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**Comment 2**

In Section 7.0 (Summary) Western lists the wells located in the different groups. The Refinery Wells Group is missing MW-40. Western must include this well in the next annual groundwater monitoring report.

Western must submit the addendum referenced in Comment 1 to NMED no later than August 27, 2010. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Hope Monzeglio at (505) 476-6045.

Sincerely,



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