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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 23, 2010

Mr. Randy Schmaltz  
Environmental Manager  
Western Refining, Southwest, Inc.  
Bloomfield Refinery  
P.O. Box 159  
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**RE: REQUEST TO SUSPEND IN-SITU RESPIRATION TESTING AT  
THE RIVER TERRACE AREA  
WESTERN REFINING COMPANY SOUTHWEST, INC.  
BLOOMFIELD REFINERY  
EPA ID# NMD089416416**

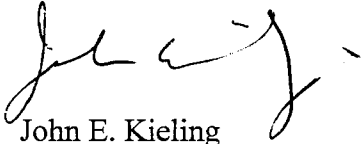
Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery (Western) November 10, 2010 letter requesting to suspend the in-situ respiration test at the River Terrace. NMED understands that since the suspension of refinery operations, the dewatering system at the River Terrace runs intermittently, which affects the accuracy of the respiration test. NMED hereby approves Western's request to discontinue conducting the in-situ respiration tests. In addition, as requested by Western, future respiration tests may be evaluated on an annual basis based on the operation of the dewatering system and included in the River Terrace Voluntary Corrective Measures Bioventing System Annual Report, submitted to NMED in March of each year.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Hope Monzeglio at (505) 476-6045.

Sincerely,



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