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March 29, 2011

The Honorable Sally Burbridge City of Aztec 201 W. Chaco Aztec, New Mexico 87401

SUBJECT:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING ON A REVISED FINAL CLOSURE PLAN NORTH AND SOUTH AERATION LAGOONS FOR WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST INC., BLOOMFIELD REFINERY

Dear Mayor Burbridge:

Enclosed is a **Public Notice** regarding revisions to the Final Closure Plan for the North and South Aeration Lagoons for Western Refining Southwest Inc., Bloomfield Refinery (Western). The Bloomfield Refinery is owned by San Juan Refining Company and operated by Western; refinery operations were suspended in November 2009. Western is situated in San Juan County approximately 0.5 miles east of U.S. Highway 550 on County Road 4990 (Sullivan Road), and approximately one mile south of the city of Bloomfield. The primary contact at the Bloomfield Refinery for this action is: Mr. Randy Schmaltz.

The enclosed Public Notice provides the location where the Administrative Record, including the proposed Closure Plan, the Public Notice, and supporting documentation, for this action can be reviewed, and provides procedures for submitting comments and requesting a public hearing. It also explains in summary form the amendments to the existing Closure Plan. Comments and requests for public hearing must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. MDT**, **April 28, 2011**.

Any person seeking additional information regarding this notice may contact:

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