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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 29, 2011

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

**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION
2010 GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION AND MONITORING
ANNUAL REPORT
WESTERN REFINING COMPANY SOUTHWEST, INC.
BLOOMFIELD REFINERY
EPA ID# NMD089416416
HWB-WRB-11-003**

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 2011. NMED hereby approves this Report with the following modification.

Section 6.1 (Total Fluids Pumping), page 6-1 and Section 6.6 (East Outfall), page 6-2:

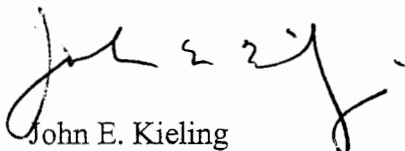
Western's Statements: Section 6.1 states "[i]n 2010 the estimated total gallons pumped (SPH and water) from the recovery wells was 1,232,649 gallons" and Section 6.6 states "[t]he east outfall is collected into a pipe, which flow to tank 38 and then is pumped to the API. The total gallons pumped in 2010 were 10,563, 144 gallons."

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NMED Comment: Western must submit a response that explains how the volume of SPH and water from the recovery system was estimated. Future annual groundwater monitoring reports must include explanations of how total volumes of fluids pumped/recovered are estimated (e.g., flow meter). NMED notes that Section 11, page 3 indicates that recovery rates for Tk #38 (#1 East Outfall) are determined using flow meters; in future reports, include this information where the volumes are reported.

Western must submit a response to the comment above on or before **September 1, 2011**. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Hope Petrie at (505) 476-6045.

Sincerely,



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