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June 29, 2011

Randy Schmaltz
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Western Refining, Southwest, Inc.
Bloomfield Refinery
P.O. Box 159
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**RE: RESPONSE TO UPDATED SUMMARY REPORT ON NEWLY SURFACED
GROUNDWATER EAST FORK AREA
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST INC., BLOOMFIELD REFINERY
EPA ID# NMD089416416
HWB-WRB-MISC**

Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

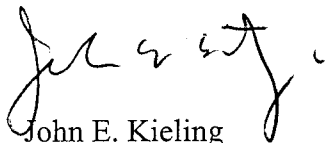
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery (Western) *Updated Summary Report on Newly Surfaced Groundwater East Fork Area* letter dated June 21, 2011. The letter summarizes the monitoring activities conducted in this area since discovery of the seep and requests to no longer sample this area.

NMED approves Western's request to no longer sample the "newly surfaced groundwater" in the East Fork area. Western must continue to inspect the seep for changes in flow rate and evidence of petroleum hydrocarbons on a monthly basis. Western must contact NMED and OCD within three business days if the volume of water significantly increases or if there is evidence of hydrocarbons in this area to determine a course of action.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact David Cobrain of my staff at (505) 476-6055.

Sincerely,



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