

December 5, 2011

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Certified Mail #: 7009 2250 0002 3833 5117 (Addressed to NMED)

**Re: Background Investigation Report - Extension Request
Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery
EPA ID# NMD089416416**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Over the past several months, Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery has been working to finalize contracts with the contractors necessary to complete the investigation field work outlined in the approved Background Investigation Work Plan and Group 8 Investigation Work Plan. Unfortunately at this time, Western has not been able to finalize the contracts necessary to mobilize to the field.

In a letter from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) dated March 30, 2011, NMED issued a deadline of January 31, 2012 for submittal of the Background Investigation Report that is to include a summary of the soil results from the respective background investigation activities. At this time due to the up-coming holidays and continued need to finalize the necessary contracts, Western is not optimistic that field work will be able to commence before the end of December 2011.

Therefore, Western is respectfully requesting a 90-day deadline extension for the submittal of the Background Investigation Report. Western is optimistic that this extension will provide sufficient time to finalize contract discussions, complete field activities, and develop the respective Background Investigation Report for NMED's review. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this request in more detail, please contact Randy Schmaltz at (505) 632-4171.

Sincerely,

Victor McDaniel
Site Manager
Western Refining Southwest, Inc. – Bloomfield Refinery

cc: Dave Cobrain – NMED HWB
Leona Tsinnajinnie – NMED HWB
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December 12, 2011

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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST TO SUBMIT THE
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION REPORT
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST INC., BLOOMFIELD REFINERY
EPA ID# NMD089416416
HWB-WRB-10-006**

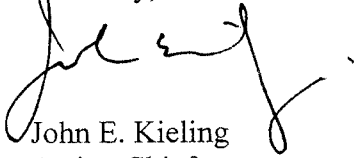
Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery's (Western) *Background Investigation Report - Extension* (Request) dated December 5, 2011. Western states that there have been delays related to hiring subcontractors and it is not anticipated that the field investigations will begin until early 2012. Western requests a 90-day extension to submit the Background Investigation Report from January 31, 2012 to April 30, 2012. Western's stated cause for the requested time extension is acceptable. The Background Investigation Report must be submitted no later than April 30, 2011, as requested.

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Please contact Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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