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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 12, 2011

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

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

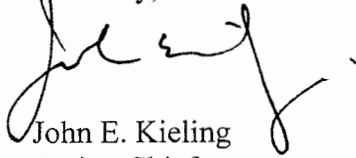
Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

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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