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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 12, 2012

Mr. Randy Schmaltz
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**RE: APPROVAL
GROUP 7 – SWMU NO. 17 RIVER TERRACE AREA REMEDIATION
SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION WORK PLAN
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST INC., BLOOMFIELD REFINERY
EPA ID# NMD089416416
HWB-WRB-12-001**

Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery's (Western) *Group 7 – SWMU No. 17 River Terrace Area Remediation System Optimization Work Plan*, dated October 9, 2012. NMED has reviewed the Report and hereby issues this Approval with the following comments.

Comment 1

During the conference call on September 25, 2012, NMED expressed their concerns with Western regarding the use of the blower to effectively inject air below the water table. Western must investigate the use of a compressor if monitoring does not indicate that the blower can

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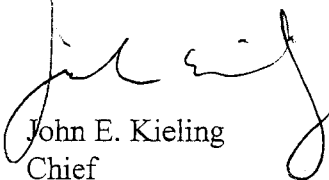
provide enough air pressure to effectively operate the air sparging system. NMED must be notified if the air sparging system requires additional modifications.

Comment 2

Western must submit a report by May 3, 2013 that summarizes the soil removal activities and the modifications to the remediation system, the baseline monitoring results, and provide the analytical data results from waste characterization. In addition, as-built drawing and figures depicting the locations of the air sparging system, TP-1 and TP-2 must be submitted with the report.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Leona Tsinnajinnie of my staff at (505) 476-6057.

Sincerely,


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