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**Re: Group 9 Investigation Report Request for Extension
Western Refining Southwest, Inc. – Bloomfield Refinery
EPA ID# NMD089416416**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

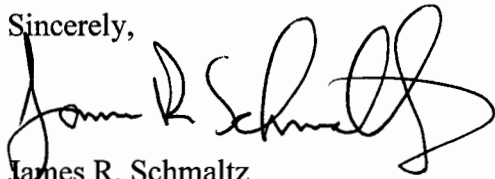
On May 7, 2013 Western Refining Southwest, Inc. – Bloomfield Refinery (“Western”) received approval from the New Mexico Environment Department Hazardous Waste Bureau (“NMED-HWB”) of the Group 9 Investigation Work Plan dated March 2012. The approval letter states that the Group 9 Investigation Report is to be submitted by January 24, 2014. Western is requesting approval to extend the Group 9 Investigation Report deadline due to safety concerns.

Currently the Bloomfield facility is in the process of dismantling and relocating three of the former refinery process units that have been sold to Holly Refining’s Woods Cross Facility. The areas within the Bloomfield facility where these activities are taking place includes some of the same areas in which soil borings are to be installed as part of the approved Group 9 investigation activities. During a progress meeting with the Holly Refining contractor and Western representatives, it was indicated that the estimated date of completion of the Process Unit Relocation Project is by April 2014.

In order to have access to the approved drilling locations associated with Group 9 and to address the safety concerns, Western is requesting approval to extend the Group 9 Investigation Report submittal so that the investigation drilling efforts could commence following completion of the Process Unit Relocation Project. Western anticipates that the field activities associated with Group 9 will take approximately six weeks to complete due to the number of boring locations and samples to be collected. Following receipt of the analytical reports, Western anticipates an additional ten weeks would be needed to complete a quality control review of the data, and complete the Group 9 Investigation Report for submittal. With this said Western requests approval to extend the Group 9 Investigation Report submittal to October 31, 2014.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss this request, please contact me at (505) 632-4171 or Randy.Schmaltz@wnr.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Schmaltz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Schmaltz" clearly legible.

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