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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 27, 2013

Randy Schmaltz
Health, Safety, Environmental, and
Regulatory Director
Western Refining Southwest, Inc.
Bloomfield Refinery
P. O. Box 159
Bloomfield, NM 87413

**RE: APPROVAL FOR GROUP 9 INVESTIGATION REPORT
REQUEST FOR EXTENTION
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST, INC., BLOOMFIELD REFINERY
EPA ID# NMD089416416
HWB-WRB-11-004**

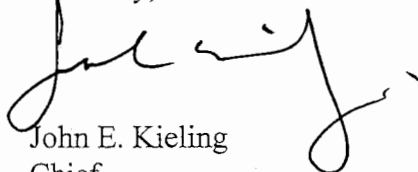
Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Bloomfield Refinery's (Western) *Group 9 Investigation Report Request for Extension* letter on September 19, 2013. Western is requesting the extension for the submittal of the Group 9 Investigation Report because of safety concerns in the proposed investigation areas. Western is in the process of dismantling and relocating former refinery process units in areas where soil borings will be advanced as part of the approved Group 9 investigation activities. NMED's April 30, 2013 approval letter for the Group 9 Investigation Work Plan requires the investigation report to be submitted by January 24, 2014 but the process unit relocation will not be completed until April 2014, which will result in a delay to start of field activities. NMED hereby approves the extension for submittal of the Group 9 Investigation Report until **October 31, 2014**.

R. Schmaltz
September 27, 2013
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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Leona Tsinnajinnie of my staff at (505) 476-6057.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John E. Kieling
Chief
Hazardous Waste Bureau

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