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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 September 16, 2013, Western Refining Southwest, Inc. – Bloomfield Refinery (“Western”) requested an extension for the submittal of the Group 9 Investigation Report that was to be submitted by January 24, 2014. The reason for the extension request was due in-part to the on-going dismantling activities that were being conducted within former Refinery Process Units. These activities required much of the former refinery process areas to have restricted access due in-part to safety concerns for personnel not specifically involved in the dismantling activities. These activities, while on-going, prevented access to proposed drilling locations associated with the Group 9 Investigation Work Plan. Western received approval from the New Mexico Environment Department – Hazardous Waste Bureau (“NMED-HWB”) in a letter dated September 27, 2013, extending the Group 9 Investigation Report deadline to October 31, 2014.

Since that time, Western contacted NMED-HWB to inform them that Western was working to finalize a Master Services Agreement with DiSorbo Consulting, LLC in order to retain Mr. Scott Crouch’s services for the on-going RCRA investigation activities for the Bloomfield facility. The contract process was finalized in September 2014, at which time Western quickly initiated the Group 9 Investigation field work activities. Western provided notification to NMED-HWB that the Group 9 field activities were scheduled to commence on Monday, September 15, 2014.

As of current, Western has completed the drilling activities associated with the approved Group 9 Investigation Work Plan. These activities included installation of five permanent monitoring wells. The wells are currently being developed in preparation for groundwater sampling.

As stated in the approved Group 9 Investigation Work Plan, two sets of groundwater samples are to be collected from each of the newly installed monitoring wells that do not

contain separate-phased hydrocarbons. At this time we anticipate that the well development activities will be completed during the week of October 27, 2014. Therefore the first set of groundwater samples will be collected no later than the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The second set of samples are required to be collected no sooner than 30 days and no later than 75 days after the initial sampling event. Therefore, groundwater sampling is expected to be completed in the field no later than January 21, 2015. The turnaround time to receive final QA/QC results from the laboratory is two weeks from receipt of the samples.

To be able to include a full evaluation of the soil and groundwater analytical information, including field observations obtained during all the field activities that pertain to the Group 9 Investigation effort, Western is requesting approval to extend the Group 9 Investigation Report deadline to March 2, 2015.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss this request, please feel free to contact me at (505) 632-4166 or Randy Schmaltz at (505) 632-4171.

Sincerely,



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