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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 18, 2016

Leslie Ann Allen, Senior Vice President
Gary Dalke, Chief Financial Officer
Western Refining Southwest, Inc.
123 W. Mills Avenue, Suite 200
El Paso, Texas 79901

**RE: 2016 FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR WESTERN REFINING
SOUTHWEST INC., GALLUP AND BLOOMFIELD REFINERIES
EPA ID# NMD000333211
EPA ID# NMD089416416
HWB-WRG-MISC
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Dear Ms. Allen and Mr. Dalke:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the Western Refining, Southwest, Inc. (Western's) March 31, 2016 financial assurance submittal. Western has met the requirements to submit the financial assurance information for 2016 and must address the following comment.

Comment 1

In the past, Western has submitted a cost estimate for closure and post-closure costs for their Bloomfield Terminal; however, the 2016 financial assurance submission contained only a cost estimate for closure only. Explain why the cost estimate was for closure only for the Bloomfield Terminal.

Western Refining Southwest, Inc.

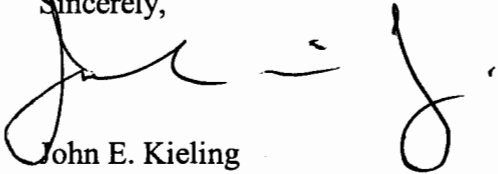
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Western must address Comment 1 from this letter and submit a response to NMED by **December 19, 2016**.

If you have any questions, 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 horizontal stroke.

John E. Kieling

Chief

Hazardous Waste Bureau

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