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June 21, 2017

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

**RE: 2017 FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR WESTERN REFINING
SOUTHWEST INC., GALLUP REFINERY AND BLOOMFIELD TERMINAL
EPA ID# NMD000333211
EPA ID# NMD089416416
HWB-WRG-MISC
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Dear Mses. Allen and Davis:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the Western Refining, Southwest, Inc. (Western's) March 24, 2017 financial assurance submittal. Western has met the requirements to submit the financial assurance information for 2017 and must address the following comment.

Comment 1

Western did not provide an explanation for Comment 1 from NMED's November 18, 2016 letter as required. Cost estimates from 2015 and previous years before have always provided an estimate for post-closure and closure. However, the 2016 and 2017 cost estimate submittals for Bloomfield have provided a cost estimate for closure only. Western must provide an explanation for adjusting Bloomfield's cost estimate from closure and post-closure costs to submitting a cost estimate for closure only.

Mses. Allen and Davis

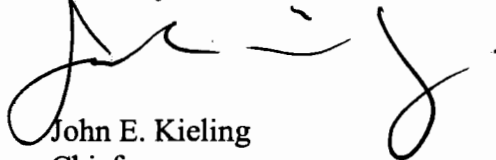
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Western must address the comment above and the November 18, 2016 letter and submit a response to NMED by **July 25, 2017**.

If you have any questions, please contact Leona Tsinnajinnie of my staff at 505-476-6057.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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