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Dear Bill,

We have recently met with Lynn Shelton of Giant Refining Company regarding their Benzene Stripper unit and other permitting issues. We understand that because EPA retains authority over TCLP wastes at this time, and that the waste stream characterizing this unit as a permittable unit relies on TC components, NMED does not have authority. However, NMED is currently discussing several permit modifications with Giant and it would make sense to fold the benzene stripper unit into the process.

Please let us know if this arrangement is acceptable to EPA. If you have any questions, you may call me or Dr. Herb Grover of my staff at (505) 827-4300.

Sincerely,

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