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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 2, 2006

Mr. Ed Riege  
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**RE: RESPONSE TO NMED'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE CINIZA REFINERY  
DYE TRACER STUDY  
GIANT REFINING COMPANY, CINIZA REFINERY, HWB-GRCC-06-002  
EPA ID# NMD000333211**

Dear Mr. Riege

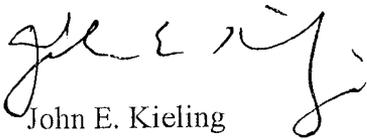
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has completed its review of Giant Refining Company's Ciniza Refinery (Permittee) *Response to NMED Comments of the Ciniza Refinery Dye Tracer Study*, dated October 13, 2006. The response includes a statement that the Permittee is evaluating alternative methods for managing storm water and process waste water at the facility in lieu of building the proposed storm water/firewater pond. One option is to collect storm water and process wastewater in two large existing tanks and then route the flow through the "New API Separator" to be discharged into the aeration lagoons after being treated by the benzene strippers.

Because the proposed methods include management of wastewaters that are potentially hazardous waste, the Permittee must submit to NMED for approval a description of the method the Permittee plans to implement for management of the storm water/process water flow at the facility.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Hope Monzeglio of my staff .at  
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Sincerely,



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