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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 8, 2007

Ed Riege
Giant Refining Company,
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Gallup, New Mexico 87301

**RE: MONITORING REQUIREMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE
MARCH 6, 2007 RELEASE FROM THE NEW API SEPARATOR TO THE
AERATION LAGOONS AND EVAPORATION POND
GIANT REFINING COMPANY, CINIZA REFINERY
EPA ID #: NMD000333211, HWB-GRCC-MISC**

Dear Mr. Riege:

Giant Refining Company, Ciniza Refinery (GRCC) contacted the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on March 6, 2007 to report the failure of the leveling device on the chopper pump in the oil sump of new API separator (NAPI), resulting in the release of approximately 700-800 gallons of oil to Aeration Lagoons 1 and 2 (AL-1 and AL-2), and Evaporation Pond 1 (EP-1).

As a result of this release, NMED is requiring the following sampling activities in order to evaluate the performance of the wastewater treatment system.

1. Collect an influent sample from the discharge from the benzene strippers to Aeration Lagoon 1.
2. Collect an effluent sample from Aeration lagoon 2 to Evaporation Pond 1 weekly for approximately one month.

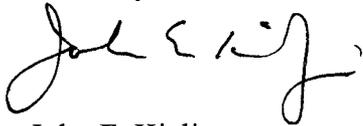
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3. Collect an effluent sample from Evaporation Pond 1 to Evaporation Pond 2 on a weekly basis for approximately one month.
4. All samples must be analyzed for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes (BTEX), methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and gasoline and diesel range organics (GRO and DRO). The diesel range organics carbon range must extend up to C36.

Sampling must be collected the weeks of March 19, 26, April 2, and April 9, 2007. Giant must contact NMED the week of April 16, 2007 to discuss the analytical results and the need for additional sampling. GRCC must submit all laboratory results to NMED within one week of receiving the reports. All correspondence and laboratory reports must also be submitted to the Oil Conservation Division (OCD).

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Hope Monzeglio of my staff at (505) 476-6045.

Sincerely,



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