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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 18, 2008

Mr. Ed Riege
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**RE: SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS FOR MONITORING WELLS
KA-1R, KA-2R, AND KA-3R AT THE NEW API SEPARATOR
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST, INC., GALLUP REFINERY
NMED ID # NMD000333211
HWB-GRCC-08-002**

Dear Mr. Riege:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Gallup Refinery's (Permittee) July 2008 three-month groundwater laboratory results for monitoring wells KA-1R, KA-2R, and KA-3R, located at the New API separator (NAPI). The initial sampling requirements for these monitoring wells was established in NMED's October 15, 2007 Notice of Disapproval, Comment 6. Since the installation of the replacement wells, water has been observed in replacement well KA-3R. NMED is therefore revising the sampling requirements for replacement monitoring wells KA-1R, KA-2R, KA-3R at the NAPI as follows:

- a. The Permittee must sample monitoring wells KA-1R, KA-2R, and KA-3R on a quarterly basis starting in September 2008. This quarterly sampling schedule must continue until further notice.
- b. The Permittee must collect groundwater samples from KA-1R, KA-2R, and KA-3R in accordance with the sampling schedule described in item a. Samples must be

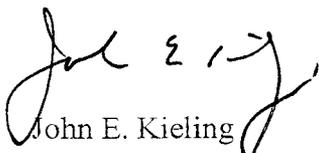
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analyzed for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes (BTEX), and methyl tertbutyl ether (MTBE) using EPA Method 8021B plus MTBE, semi volatile organics (SVOCs) using EPA Method 8310, diesel range organics (DRO) extended and gasoline range organics (GRO) using EPA Method 8015B, RCRA metals, and general chemistry.

- c. The Permittee must contact the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) no later than September 15, 2008 to revise the Discharge Plan to accommodate these changes. The Permittee must also clarify the well names. The table provided in item 19 of the Discharge Plan references NAPI-1, NAPI-2, and NAPI-3 which were renamed from KA-1, KA-2, and KA-3. The replacement wells are identified as KA-1R, KA-2R and KA-3R. Monitoring well KA-1 and KA-2 have been properly abandoned and KA-3 still exists.
- d. The Permittee must submit copies of the final laboratory reports to NMED and OCD no later than 45 days after the associated quarterly sampling field work is completed.
- e. The Permittee must also report this information in the Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report.

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

Sincerely,



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