

January 12, 2009

Mr. James P. Bearzi
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303



Dear Mr. Bearzi:

This letter is a response to your letter dated December 19, 2009 re: Revision of the Part A Permit Application and Additional Facility requirement pertaining to the Wastewater Treatment System, Western Refining Southwest Inc., Gallup Refinery, EPA ID# NMD000333211, HWB-GRCC-MISC. We are responding in a timely manner to those requests with a deadline of January 12, 2009, recognizing that some items have a later deadline, and others have already been submitted in our December 23rd transmittal to Ms. Hope Monzeglio of your staff.

We are responding here on a point-by-point basis to your December 19, 2009, letter:

- a. Starting the week of January 5, 2009 the API Separator's overflow pipes to the lagoons were removed from service and overflows are now routed to a semi-permanent/temporary tank .
- b. Western Refining will respond by February 13, 2008 as requested.
- c. Samples are being collected as specified and the results of the first set of laboratory analyses have been submitted to Hope Monzeglio of the NMED's Hazardous Waste Bureau and to Carl Chavez of the Oil Conservation Division within the timelines as specified by you.
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- e. Flow into the new API separator and to the third benzene stripper is not currently monitored.
- f. The requested dates and estimated amounts are being compiled, and we will send the available data and estimates by January 16 as requested.
- g. The requested data has been compiled and submitted on December 23, 2008
- h. The requested laboratory analytical data on the influent and effluent to and from the Benzene Stripper 3 has been compiled and submitted on December 23, 2008. The sources of wastewater to Benzene Stripper 3 are – 1) North and South Desalters; 2) Low Pressure Receiver Water Boot; 3) High Pressure Receiver Water Boot; 4) Straight Run Water Wash Tower.
- i. The requested air quality permit has been submitted

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-722-3833 if you (or your staff) have any further questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Riege', written in a cursive style.

Ed Riege
Environmental Manager