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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 14, 2009

Mr. Ed Riege
Environmental Superintendent
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**RE: INSTALLALATION OF MONITORING WELLS
WESTERN REFINING COMPANY, SOUTHWEST, INC.,
GALLUP REFINERY; EPA ID # NMD000333211
HWB-GRCC-MISC**

Dear Mr. Riege:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) required Western Refining Southwest Inc., Gallup Refinery (the Permittee) in a letter dated May 28, 2009, to install two monitoring wells downgradient of wells OW-13 and OW-29 to determine if contaminants are migrating in groundwater toward the north/northwest of the refinery tank farm. Since the issuance of this letter, the Permittee and NMED have exchanged e-mail correspondence pertaining to the installation of the monitoring wells. The Permittee requested to install only one monitoring well and for the installation to occur after monitoring groundwater for two additional quarters. The Permittee proposed that depending on the analytical results of the first well, another well may or may not be necessary. NMED's response in a June 15, 2009 e-mail stated "Gallup may either install two monitoring wells in accordance with NMED's May 28, 2009 letter or install one monitoring well following the requirements in NMED's May 28, 2009 letter and remobilize and install the other well at a later date. Remediation cannot be used as an alternative to installing the monitoring wells" and "[a]fter installing the new monitoring well, we will review the monitoring data and determine if an additional well is necessary. Please submit the monitoring

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well location and installation details (adhering to the requirements of the May 28, 2009 letter) to NMED prior to the installation. As a reminder, the first well must be installed by October 30, 2009.”

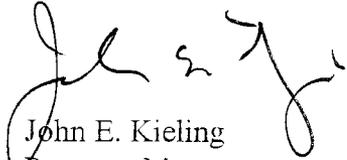
To avoid any confusion from e-mail correspondence, the Permittee must complete the following:

- a. The Permittee may install either one or both monitoring wells in accordance with the requirements established in NMED’s May 28, 2009 letter. If one monitoring well is installed, after review of two groundwater sampling events, NMED will determine if additional wells are needed.
- b. On or before September 30, 2009, the Permittee must submit, in writing, to NMED notification of whether one or two monitoring wells will be installed, the monitoring well location(s), and the proposed installation details (adhering to all requirements of the May 28, 2009 letter).
- c. NMED must be notified within seven business days of the date the monitoring well(s) will be installed.
- d. The monitoring well(s) must be installed by October 30, 2009 per NMED’s May 28, 2009 letter; NMED will not grant an extension to this due date.
- e. If the Permittee chooses to request any changes to the requirements for installation of the monitoring well(s), the request must be submitted to NMED in writing.

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The Permittee must adhere to all requirements established in NMED's May 28, 2009 letter. If you have questions regarding this letter please contact Hope Monzeglio of my staff at 505-476-6045.

Sincerely,



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