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September 25, 2009

John E. Kieling, Program Manager,
Permits Management Program,
Hazardous Waste Bureau,
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505-6303

Re: **Requirement to Install Monitoring Wells**
Western Refining Southwest Inc., Gallup refinery
NMED ID # NMD000333211
HWB-GRCC-MISC

Dear Mr. Kieling:

It is a pleasure to submit our response to your letters of May 28, 2009 and August 14, 2009, regarding installation of monitoring wells.

We plan to install two monitoring wells, as described in your Figure 1 attachment to your letter of May 28, 2009. Our tentative dates for installation are in the week of October 5-9, 2009. We will confirm an exact date as soon as the drilling sub-contractor provides us with a firm date for execution.

The specifications for the installation of monitoring wells will follow those described in paragraphs numbered a-f in your letter of May 28, 2009. We will submit a well installation report by December 31, 2009. Subsequently, we will add these wells to our Facility Wide Groundwater Monitoring Plan currently under review by the NMED. We will test for parameters and with a sampling frequency that we will propose and have approved by the NMED based on our initial set of monitoring data to be described in our well installation report.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Gaurav Rajen of our staff with further questions at 505-722-0227 if we can provide you with any further clarifications.

Sincerely,



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