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February 18, 2010



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

**Re: Extension Request for Response to Notice of Disapproval  
Financial Assurance for Western Refining Southwest, Inc., Gallup Refinery,  
EPA ID #NMD000333211 and Bloomfield Refinery, EPA ID #NMD089416416**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Western respectfully requests an extension from March 4, 2010 to March 15, 2010 for our response to the Notice of Disapproval letter dated February 4, 2010. Western's 2009 financial information will not be finalized and made public until March 4, 2010. This extension will allow time for this information to be used in our response.

As part of the extension approval, Western requests a brief description of the regulatory basis, pursuant to Order No. HWB 07-34(CO), for the additional \$1,100,000 financial assurance requested by NMED in the February 4, 2010 letter for the Bloomfield refinery.

If you have any questions, please call me at (915) 534-1480.

Sincerely,

Leslie Ann Allen  
Senior Vice President  
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