

May 7, 2010

James P. Bearzi
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Re: **Facility Wide Groundwater Monitoring Work Plan
Western Refining Company, Southwest, Inc., Gallup Refinery
EPA ID # NMD000333211
HWB-GRCC-0-001**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

It is a pleasure to submit our revised new Monitoring Wells (OW-50 and OW-52) Installation Report, and this response letter to your Notice of Disapproval dated March 10, 2010. Please note, in the following responses when we reference a paragraph number we mean the paragraph's number for the specific section in which it is located. So, for example, section 1.1, paragraph 2, page 6 would be the second paragraph of section 1.1 located on Page 6.

We have also provided a red-line strike-out version of the report that highlights all changes, as well as a revised copy.

Comment 1

We will ensure that all drill cuttings will be sampled and then disposed of. In this project, the drilling sub-contractor used a PID and then disposed of the soil cuttings by applying them to the surface soils in the immediate vicinity of the drilling site. Details of the PID used have been provided in the revised report on page 8, paragraph 3. No drill cuttings were submitted for laboratory analyses.

Comment 2

The Permittee has added details of well completion, groundwater depth, etc. as required, on page 8, paragraphs 4 and 5.

Comment 3

A GPS-unit was used to obtain the coordinates and elevations of the wells. No professional survey has yet been done. Details are provided on page 9, paragraph 4.

Comment 4

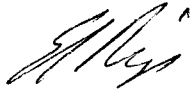
This comment is addressed on page 12, paragraph 1. The Permittee will obtain sampling result that establish the water is clean before disposing off water onto the ground; or, dispose off the water upstream of the new API Oil-water Separator.

Comment 5

This comment is addressed on page 9, paragraph 3. Details of the development of the wells are provided.

If you have any further questions, or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. Gaurav Rajen of my staff at 505-722-3833.

Sincerely,



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