



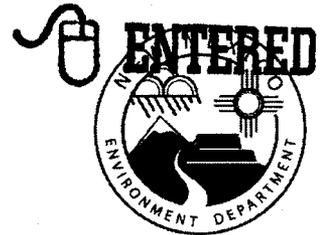
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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

August 25, 2010

Mr. Ed Riege  
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**RE: BENZENE STRIPPER SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS  
WESTERN REFINING COMPANY SOUTHWEST, INC., GALLUP REFINERY  
EPA ID # NMD000333211  
HWB-GRCC-09-005**

Dear Mr. Riege:

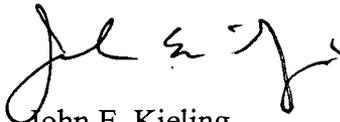
Western Refining Company Southwest Inc., Gallup Refinery (Permittee) has submitted daily benzene stripper outflow laboratory analysis results to NMED since July 7, 2010 after benzene exceedences on June 24 and June 25, 2010. Since those exceedences, the Permittee has demonstrated it has met the requirement to prevent the release of benzene above 0.5 mg/L into Aeration Lagoon 1 (AL-1), Aeration Lagoon 2 (AL-2), and Evaporation Pond 1. Beginning September 1, 2010, the Permittee must collect samples of wastewater effluent entering AL-1 and AL-2 twice a week for chemical analysis of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (BTEX). The effluent wastewater samples must be submitted to an off-site certified laboratory and analyzed using EPA Method 8021B or EPA Method 8260. If the laboratory analytical results for benzene exceed the 0.5 mg/L limit, then daily sampling must resume. At a future date, NMED will adjust the sampling frequency based on the bi-weekly sampling results.

The Permittee must continue to report the laboratory results to NMED within 4 days of collection and must report the flow rate data on the first day of every month (email correspondence is acceptable).

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If you have questions regarding this issue please contact Kristen Van Horn of my staff at 505-476-6046.

Sincerely,



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