



September 12, 2011

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Hazardous Waste Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive, East, Building 1  
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Re: **Approval with Modifications**  
**Annual Ground Water Monitoring Report:**  
**Gallup Refinery 2009**  
**Western Refining Company, Southwest, Inc., Gallup Refinery,**  
**HWB-WRG-10-007**  
**EPA ID # NMD000333211**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Western Refining Company has prepared the following response to your letter dated July 22, 2011.

**Comment 1**

Western will improve its QA procedures prior to submitting reports to NMED. Part of this will be to conduct data entry well in advance of report preparation. The Summary of General Chemistry Detected in NAPIS Wells (2008-2009) replacement page is included as *Attachment 1*.

**Comment 2**

Western received Approval with Modifications of the New Well Installation Report from NMED on June 4, 2010 and no reference was made regarding MW-2A boring log as incomplete or revising report to cross reference MW-2A and MW-1A to the correct well identification of OW-50 and OW-52 throughout the report. The Letter Report from AMEC has been revised to incorporate OW-50 and OW-52 as the designated well identifications. The revised report is included as *Attachment 2*.

**Comment 3**

In the future Western will collect ground water samples within two weeks after installation and development of new ground water monitoring wells or state reasons for not completing the activity in future submittals.

If you have any further questions please contact Cheryl Johnson of my staff at 505-722-0231.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Manager

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