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October 16, 2015

Mr. Ed Riege
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**RE: APPROVAL
ANNUAL FACILITY-WIDE GROUND WATER MONITORING
REPORT – 2012; REVISED AUGUST 2014
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST INC., GALLUP REFINERY
EPA ID # NMD000333211
HWB-WRG-13-003**

Dear Mr. Riege:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the revised *Annual Ground Water Monitoring Report: Gallup Refinery – 2012*; revised August 2014 (Report), dated February 2013; and hereby issues this Approval with the following comments.

Comment 1

In Section 6.2.2 (NAPIS-1, NAPIS-2, NAPIS-3, KA-3), page 37, the Permittee states, “[d]uring quarterly inspections upon removing the cover, standing water has been observed inside the vault of each well. The standing water was removed from each well and placed inside a container for proper disposal before well cap was removed to continue with quarterly sampling.” In the future, the Permittee must ensure that surface water is prevented from entering the wells.

Comment 2

NMED will review the OAPIS-1 boring logs and well completion report that is included in the Investigation Report for SWMU 1 and SWMU 14. Approval of this Report does not constitute approval of the OAPIS-1 well installation information.

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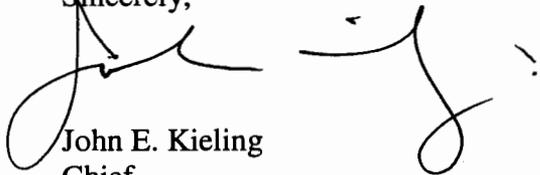
Figure 6 indicates that groundwater well OW-11 is screened in the Chinle/Alluvium interface; however, it is screened in the Sonsela. In future Reports please ensure that the correct screened interval is depicted on the figure.

Comment 4

In Section 6.4.1 (PW-2, PW-3, PW-4) the paragraph regarding production well PW-3 is somewhat confusing. Sentences referring to historical analytical results should be separated from the discussion of current analytical results. The last sentence of the above-referenced paragraph refers to PW-2. This sentence should be part of the PW-2 discussion. The Permittee's re-organization of the groundwater discussions was successful and more decipherable. Please continue working on presenting the groundwater monitoring results in a clear and consistent manner that accurately describes the groundwater conditions.

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

Sincerely,



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