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March 2, 2016

John Kieling, Bureau Chief
New Mexico Environmental Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

Re: Extension Request
2016 Financial Assurance Cost Estimate
Western Refining Southwest, Inc. – Gallup Refinery
EPA ID# NMD000333211

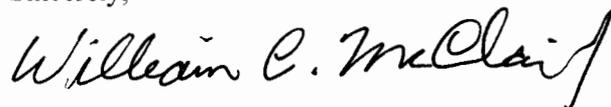
Dear Mr. Kieling:

By letter dated January 27, 2016, Western Refining Southwest, Inc. – Gallup Refinery requested a 45-day extension for submittal of the referenced Financial Assurance Cost Estimate that was due on January 31, 2016. The estimate is being prepared for post-closure care of the Land Treatment Unit (LTU) and other requirements pursuant to the RCRA Post-Closure Care Permit (“RCRA Permit”) (effective date 12/2/2013).

This letter is provided in response to NMED’s subsequent request for clarification regarding the reason for the extension request. The reason for this extension request is to allow for discussions between NMED and Western to agree on a reasonable schedule of groundwater sampling for cost estimating purposes. During an initial conference call on January 22, 2016, NMED agreed to grant this extension. Conference call participants were Kathryn Roberts, John Kieling, Ann Allen and Allen Hains.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Financial Assurance Cost Estimate, please contact Ed Riege at (505) 722-0217.

Sincerely,



William C. McClain Jr.
Vice President and Refinery Manager
Western Refining Southwest, Inc. – Gallup Refinery

cc: Allen Hains – Western Refining El Paso