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RE: REQUEST TO EXTEND CERTAIN CORRECTIVE ACTION SUBMITTAL DATES
RCRA POST-CLOSURE CARE PERMIT (issued October 31, 2013)
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST INC., GALLUP REFINERY
EPA ID # NMD000333211
HWB-WRG-13-001

Dear Mr. Kieling:

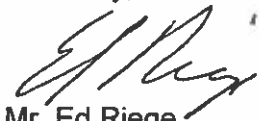
As you know, Western Refining Southwest, Inc. ("Western") is currently working with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on a Permit Modification Request ("PMR") for the referenced RCRA Permit. The PMR has been proposed in connection with the on-going mediation talks between Western and NMED relative to Western's pending judicial appeal of the RCRA Permit. One of the items to be modified is the Corrective Action Submittal Schedule (Table E-2) of the current RCRA Permit.

In view of the anticipated schedule change, Western requests that NMED grant a six-month extension for the submittal dates of the Investigation Work Plans and Release Assessment Reports identified in Table E-2 that are required for the balance of 2016. This includes Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) No. 11, No. 12, and No. 13, and Areas of Concern (AOCs) No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, and No. 25. These extensions are necessary and appropriate to avoid implementation of work that will be affected by the anticipated change to the Corrective Action Submittal Schedule in the RCRA Permit.

If there are any questions regarding this request, then please contact me at (505) 722-0217. Please note that, in submitting this request, Western makes no admissions and reserves all applicable rights and defenses.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Mr. Ed Riege
Manager, Remediation Projects

Western Refining Southwest, Inc. – Gallup Refinery

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