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John Moore
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Western Refining Southwest Inc., Gallup Refinery
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**RE: APPROVAL
RESPONSE TO APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS – COMMENT NO. 6
[REVISED] INVESTIGATION REPORT NORTH DRAINAGE DITCH
AND OW-29 & OW-30 AREAS
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST INC., GALLUP REFINERY
EPA ID# NMD000333211
HWB-WRG-18-008**

Dear Mr. Moore:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the *Response to Approval with Modifications – Comment No. 6 [Revised] Investigation Report North Drainage Ditch and OW-29 & OW-30 Areas* (Response), dated December 2, 2019, submitted on behalf of Marathon Petroleum Company LPC dba Western Refining Southwest Inc., Gallup Refinery (Permittee). NMED hereby issues this Approval.

The Permittee evaluated the manganese concentrations in two crude oil samples collected at the Facility and the analytical results were reported in the Response. Manganese was not detected in either crude oil sample. Accordingly, the elevated manganese concentrations in soils are not related to crude oils processed at the Facility.

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This approval is based on the information presented in the document as it relates to the objectives of the work identified by NMED at the time of review. Approval of this document does not constitute agreement with all information or every statement presented in the document.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michiya Suzuki at (505) 476-6059.

Sincerely,



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