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July 1, 2020

John Moore
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**RE: RESPONSE TO COMMENTS JANUARY 29, 2020 APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS,
RESPONSE TO APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS 2017 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER
MONITORING REPORT
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST INC., GALLUP REFINERY
EPA ID # NMD000333211
HWB-WRG-18-014**

Dear Mr. Moore:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the *Response to Comments January 29, 2020 Approval with Modifications, Response to Approval with Modifications 2017 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report* (Response), dated April 17, 2020 and submitted on behalf of Marathon Petroleum Company dba Western Refining Southwest Inc., Gallup Refinery (the Permittee). The Permittee must address the following comment.

Comment 1

The Permittee's response to NMED's *Approval with Modifications Comment 4*, states, "[t]he Work Plan [*SMW-2 and GWM-1 Areas*, dated August 2019] has not been implemented yet, pending review and approval by NMED." The referenced work plan adequately addressed the NMED's comments in the *Disapproval Investigation Work Plan [SMW-2] and [GWM]-1 Areas*, dated February 20, 2019. The work plan presents the location of proposed wells in Figure 5. One of groundwater monitoring wells is proposed to be installed halfway between the eastern

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perimeter of pond EP-2 and well GWM-1. The proposed location is appropriate to delineate downgradient extent of the SPH from well GWM-1. NMED hereby issues an approval for the work plan. The Permittee must implement the field investigation in accordance with the approved work plan and submit an investigation report upon completion of the investigation. An approval for the work plan will be issued under separate cover. No response required.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Michiya Suzuki of my staff at 505-476-6046.

Sincerely,



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