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May 24, 2010

Mr. Ed Riege
Environmental Manager
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**RE: BENZENE STRIPPER SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS
WESTERN REFINING COMPANY SOUTHWEST, INC., GALLUP REFINERY
EPA ID # NMD000333211
HWB-GRCC-09-005**

Dear Mr. Riege:

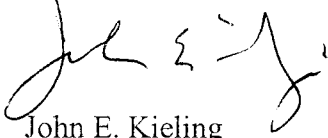
As required by the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) December 16, 2009 and August 27, 2009 correspondence, Western Refining Company Southwest Inc., Gallup Refinery (Permittee) has submitted the daily benzene stripper outflow laboratory analysis results to NMED since April 16, 2010. The Permittee has demonstrated it has met the requirement to prevent the release of benzene above 0.5 mg/L into Aeration Lagoon 1 (AL-1), Aeration Lagoon 2 (AL-2), and Evaporation Pond 1 for one month. Beginning June 1, 2010, the Permittee must collect samples of wastewater effluent entering AL-1 and AL-2 twice a week for chemical analysis of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (BTEX). The effluent wastewater samples must be submitted to an off-site certified laboratory and analyzed using EPA Method 8021B or EPA Method 8260. If the laboratory analytical results for benzene exceed the 0.5 mg/L limit, then daily sampling is required again. At a future date, NMED will adjust the sampling frequency based on the bi-weekly sampling results.

The Permittee must continue to report the laboratory results to NMED within 4 days of collection and must report the flow rate data on the first day of every month (email correspondence is acceptable).

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

Sincerely,



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