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August 17, 2021

John Moore
Environmental Superintendent
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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION, RESPONSE TO DISAPPROVAL, NATURAL ATTENUATION
ASSESSMENT AND PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR THE HYDROCARBON SEEP AREA,
FRENCH DRAIN SOIL SAMPLING INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST INC., GALLUP REFINERY
EPA ID # NMD000333211
HWB-WRG-20-023**

Dear Mr. Moore:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Marathon Petroleum Company dba Western Refining Southwest Inc., Gallup Refinery (Permittee) *Request for Extension, Response to Disapproval, Natural Attenuation Assessment and Proposed Work Plan for the Hydrocarbon Seep Area, French Drain Soil Sampling Investigation Work Plan* (Request), dated July 29, 2021.

The Request includes two separate titles of the documents to be submitted to NMED for review. One is the revised *Natural Attenuation Assessment and Proposed Workplan for the Hydrocarbon Seep Area* (Report) and the other is the [response to *Approval with Modifications*] *French Drain Soil Sampling Investigation Work Plan* (Response). The Permittee's *Request for Extension French Drain Soil Sampling Investigation Work Plan* was approved on June 14, 2021 and the due date for the Response was extended to **September 30, 2021**. Therefore, the extension request is not necessary. This Request only applies to the Report.

The Request states, "[t]he basis for the extension is to incorporate an expanded data set and perform additional statistical analyses. These additional data will be used to demonstrate that the evaluation is complete and addresses the data gaps identified in the NMED comments. Because of this effort, the refinery is requesting an additional four weeks to finalize the report."

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The Permittee has shown good cause for the request in accordance with the Permit Section I.J.12; therefore, NMED grants the extension. The Report must be submitted to NMED no later than **August 27, 2021**, as requested.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Michiya Suzuki at (505) 690-6930.

Sincerely,



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