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John Moore
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**RE: APPROVAL
THIRD EXTENSION REQUEST FOR RESPONSE TO DISAPPROVAL
AOC 15 - NEW API SEPARATOR AND AOC 16 - NEW API SEPARATOR OVERFLOW TANKS
INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN
WESTERN REFINING SOUTHWEST LLC D/B/A MARATHON GALLUP REFINERY
EPA ID# NMD000333211
HWB-WRG-20-003**

Dear Mr. Moore:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received Western Refining Southwest LLC (D/B/A Marathon Gallup Refinery's (the Permittee) *Response to Disapproval Extension Request Area of Concern 15 – New API Separator and Area of Concern 16 – New API Separator Overflow Tanks Investigation Work Plan* (Request) dated April 28, 2023.

The Request states, "In preliminary testing of the fluorescent properties of media around the [New American Petroleum Institute Separator] NAPIS, it was determined that there is potential interference from separate phase hydrocarbon (SPH) impacts in soil and groundwater, and soil with impacts could fluoresce without the addition of the dye. Therefore, it can be difficult to discern if observed fluorescence is from pre-existing SPH impacts or a recently introduced dye. To evaluate if soil fluoresces in the area of the NAPIS bays prior to introduction of fluorescing dye, Western will be completing soil borings in 4 locations around the NAPIS and testing for fluorescence. Western requested an initial extension to March 15, 2023, to allow for the soil borings around the NAPIS to be completed and findings incorporated into a revised approach. The soil investigation was executed the week of February 13, 2023, and the results from the drilling activities were presented to NMED in a virtual meeting on April 6, 2023. The results indicated that the soil fluoresced without the introduction of dye in the area. Western is revising the Work Plan to incorporate the investigation approach discussed with NMED during

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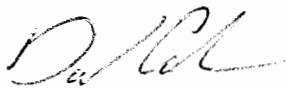
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the virtual meeting. In order to finalize the revised Work Plan accordingly, Western is requesting the extension of the Response to Disapproval from April 30, 2023 to May 31, 2023.

The Permittee has shown good cause for the request in accordance with the Permit Section I.J.12; therefore, NMED hereby grants the extension. The Reports must be submitted to NMED no later than **May 31, 2023**, as requested.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Lane Andress of my staff at 505-690-5826.

Sincerely,



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