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Ms. Polak,

Please see the attached correspondence explaining the current operational status of the Gallup Refinery and Wingate Facility located in McKinley County, New Mexico. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss anything therein, please contact me at 505-879-7643 or jmoore5@marathonpetroleum.com.

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Submitted Via Email

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RE: Operational Status of Marathon Gallup Refinery

Dear Ms. Polak and Ms. Stringer,

Please accept this correspondence as a follow up to your November 3, 2020 letter requesting confirmation of Marathon Gallup Refinery's operational status. On December 1, 2020, representatives of Marathon Petroleum Corporation (the parent company of Western Refining Southwest LLC and Western Refining Terminals LLC) met with representatives of your agencies who included New Mexico Environment Department's General Counsel (NMED) Jennifer Hower, NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau's Program Manager Dave Cobrain, New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's legal counsel Eric Ames, New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division's (OCD) Environmental Bureau Chief Emily Hernandez and OCD Deputy Director Tiffany Polak, to discuss Marathon Petroleum Corporation's (MPC) intentions for its Gallup Refinery. During our call we explained that Gallup Refinery was in an indefinite idled position as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic creating a global crisis causing refiners to take unprecedented measures to reduce fuel supply as a result of gasoline and jet fuel demand declining significantly. In response to these historically low market conditions, MPC transitioned its Gallup Refinery (and Wingate Facility) into idle mode for a temporary period of time.

As we further explained during our call, certain pieces of equipment at the refinery would continue to operate and the refinery would continue to supply potable water to the Flying J Transit Center and continue to process sanitary wastewater for Flying J and the facility. To facilitate resuming operations at the Gallup Refinery (and Wingate Facility) at a future date, MPC implemented a de-inventorying and cleaning project for all process operations, storage and loading facilities. Although these facilities will be cleaned and remain inactive, the equipment will remain at the site and will be regularly inspected and maintained by facility personnel. Additionally, the facility plans to conduct daily rounds with operations personnel and complete maintenance as necessary.

As part of MPC's plan to maintain the operability and integrity of the facilities while production and distribution of fuels are suspended due to market conditions, MPC assures you that all required reporting, monitoring, sampling and remediation activities currently required by active permits and Orders will continue uninterrupted during this indefinite idle period.

The plan above is subject to change but represents our best estimate of how we will operate the Gallup Refinery (and Wingate Facility) at this time. If conditions change significantly in the future, MPC will notify your agencies of the changes.

In addition, please note that Western Refining Southwest, Inc. converted to a limited liability company (LLC) on January 1, 2021. As a result of this conversion, Western Refining Southwest, Inc. changed its name to Western Refining Southwest LLC. No changes to the ownership or operational status of Gallup Refinery (and Wingate Facility) resulted from this conversion.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact John Moore at 505-879-7643 or JMoore5@MarathonPetroleum.com.

Sincerely,



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