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**HYDROSTATIC
LINE TESTING**

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RE: Western Refining Southwest, Inc. – Bloomfield Refinery
Discharge Permit GW - 001

Dear Mr. Chavez and Mr. Powell,

Western Refining Southwest, Inc. - Bloomfield Refinery (Western) has tentatively scheduled testing of water-draw sumps and underground lines beginning the week of May 7th, 2012. These activities will be conducted pursuant to Section 12 and Section 13 of the facilities Discharge Permit Renewal (GW-001) dated July 7, 2010.

Sumps will be cleaned out with a vacuum truck and then visually inspected. Sumps that can not be cleaned thoroughly enough to inspect (sumps with heavy oil) or sumps that display cracks will be hydro-tested to insure integrity. Underground pressure-rated piping that is scheduled to be tested in 2012 will be pressured up to one and one-half times the normal operating pressure, if possible, and pressure will be held for a minimum of 30-minutes. Atmospheric drain system will be hydrostatically tested for a minimum of 30-minutes. Any indications of leaks will be reported to OCD within 72 hours of discovery.

Western anticipates that it will take several weeks to complete the scheduled underground line and sump testing activities for 2012. Due to a decrease in maintenance personnel since the suspension of process operations in November 2009, testing will not be scheduled every day. If any representatives from the OCD would like to witness the underground piping and sump testing activities, please feel free to contact me at (505) 632-4166 and Western will adjust maintenance personnel schedules to accommodate OCD witnessing of testing activities.

Sincerely,



Kelly R. Robinson
Environmental Supervisor

Cc: Randy Schmaltz – Western Refining Southwest, Inc.