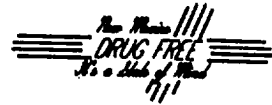




STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE



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1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410
(505) 334-6178

July 20, 1993

Anu N. Pundari
Senior Compliance Engineer
El Paso Natural Gas Company
PO Box 4990
Farmington, NM 87499

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
John S. Dashko, I-11-24N-07W (Earthen Pit off Meter Run)

Dear Ms. Pundari:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that all pits and open top tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered.

Field inspections conducted by Dianna Fairhurst and Charles Gholson on November 4, 1992 and Jackie Neckels from the BLM on June 8, 1993 revealed that the above mentioned pit contained hydrocarbons and requires compliance. In order for this pit to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all fluid and properly net these pits by August 20, 1993.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 505-334-6178.

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

Dianna K. Fairhurst
Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

xc: Well File
C-134 File
Jackie Neckels - BLM
Kevin H. McCord - Bayless

Bureau of Land Management

Compliance Inspection Report

Well Name #1 John S. Dashko Lease # Nm03010 Operator Robert L. Bayles

Location NE 1/4 SE 1/4 F L & F L S 11 T 24 N R 7 W Rio Arriba

Type ES Activity SP Office Time 30m Travel Time 3hr Inspection Time 30m Trips 1

Construction Activities:

Well Pad	Description
Reserve Pit	
Unlined _____	_____
Lined _____	_____
Fenced _____	_____
Proper Construction	
Size _____	_____
Cut Slopes _____	_____
Fill Slopes _____	_____
Water Diversion _____	_____

Pipelines On Lease/Off Lease

Construction	
Within ROW _____	_____
Reclamation	
Water Bars _____	_____
Seeding _____	_____

Drilling Status:

Trash Cages _____
Location Appearance _____

Reclamation:

Reserve Pit	
Filled in _____	_____
Reclaimed _____	_____
Slopes	
Seeded _____	_____

P&A

Monument marker _____	_____
Pad Reclaimed _____	_____
Seeding Success _____	_____
Clean Location _____	_____

Remarks:

earthen pit of Sept. contains hydrocarbons (Swirl pot buried in
liquid) Return to prod. tank - NOT
earthen pit of meter run west of location - sm. puddle of hydrocarbon (fresh)
- not

Signature J. Nuebb Date 6/8/93

RECEIVED

JUN 24 1993

OIL CON. DIV.
DIST. 3

Submit 4 Copies
to Appropriate
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State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-134
Aug. 1, 1989

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DISTRICT II
P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719

DISTRICT III
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

P.O. Box 2088
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Permit No. 967
(For Division Use Only)

APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO DIVISION ORDER R-8952
FOR PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS Rule 8(b), Rule 105(b), Rule 312(h), Rule 313, or Rule 711(D)

Operator Name: El Paso Natural Gas Company

Operator Address: P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978

Lease or Facility Name John S DASHKO 1 Location I 12 29 7
Size of pit or tank: 7 x 7 (drip) Ut. Ltr. Sec. Twp. Rge

Operator requests exception from the requirement to screen, net or cover the pit or tank at the above-described facility.

☒ The pit or tank is not hazardous to migratory waterfowl. Describe completely the reason pit is non-hazardous.

Under normal operating conditions this pit would not contain oil and thus would not constitute a water fowl hazard. Furthermore, the size of the pit and fencing is a deterrent to waterfowl landing in the pit.

1) If any oil or hydrocarbons should reach this facility give method and time required for removal:

In 72 hours from discovery oil should be removed. Operators discharging to El Paso pit have also been advised of compliance requirements.

2) If any oil or hydrocarbons reach the above-described facility the operator is required to notify the appropriate District Office of the OCD with 24 hours.

Operator proposes the following alternate protective measures:

CERTIFICATION BY OPERATOR: I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Kenneth E. Beasley Title Mgr., Compliance Engr. Date _____
Printed Name Kenneth E. Beasley, IVI Telephone No. 915) 541-2146

FOR OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION USE

Date Facility Inspected 11/4/92
Inspected by Duanna Schubert

Approved by Charles Gibson
Title DEPUTY OIL & GAS INSPECTOR

Date NOV 9 1992

H₂O ONLY
*NEEDS A WELL SIGN

6/8/93
C-134 CANCELLED - NO NET
INSPECTED BY JACKIE NECKELS/BLM - PIT
CONTAINED SMALL AMOUNT FRESH HYDROCARBON