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Mr. Herman E. McAnally
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 289
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Re: San Juan 28-7 Unit #171
1-16-27N-7W

Dear Herman:

The enclosed forms C-103 requesting approval of permanent casing repair with a packer, are returned unapproved. A casing failure occurred in the parallel Chacra production string in 1973, and was never reported to this office. Had such a failure been reported to this office we would have recommended prudent action to repair the leak and prevent further deterioration of the well. To allow such a repair at this time, when there is apparently strong corrosion would only allow the further deterioration of both casing strings and make future plugging of the well difficult.

You are hereby directed to immediately begin operations to repair or plug and abandon this well.

If you have any questions, please call.

Yours truly,

Frank T. Chavez
Deputy Inspector

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