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June 1, 2017

Ms. Amy M. Blythe  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
2 North Nevada Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

**Re: Request for Renewal of Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water**  
**Company: El Paso Natural Gas Company**  
**Permit: HBP - 017**

Dear Ms. Blythe:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) renewal request, dated May 23, 2017, received by OCD on May 31, 2017, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new crude and/or natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. EPNG's current approval expires June 26, 2017. Also, OCD acknowledges receipt of the filing fee (\$100.00) and temporary permission fee (\$150.00) with the May 23, 2017 request.

Based on the information provided in the request, annual temporary permission is hereby granted to EPNG for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests the operator may perform during an approved one-year period with the following understandings and conditions:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
3. email or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur to a surface water body without obtaining a National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit from the US EPA, NMED, and OCD prior to the discharge;

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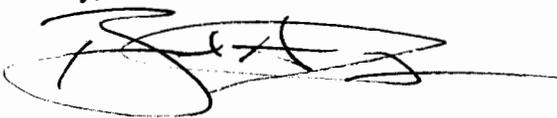
6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, to ensure that the discharge does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
7. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
8. EPNG shall report all unauthorized discharges, spills, leaks and releases of hydrostatic test water and conduct corrective action pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20.6.2.1203 NMAC and release notification pursuant to OCD Rule 29 (19.15.29 NMAC);
9. the landowner(s) of each proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location must be properly notified of the activities prior to each proposed hydrostatic test event; and
10. an annual report, summarizing each test of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
  - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
  - b. the date of each test;
  - c. the volume of each discharge; and
  - d. the source and quality of test water (laboratory analysis, if necessary).

Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire June 26, 2018.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of the permit.

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve EPNG of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve EPNG of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules and regulations.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 476-3487 or [brad.a.jones@state.nm.us](mailto:brad.a.jones@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,



Brad A. Jones  
Environmental Engineer

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May 12, 2016

Ms. Amy M. Blythe  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
2 North Nevada Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

**Re: Request for Renewal of Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water**  
**Company: El Paso Natural Gas Company**  
**Permit: HBP - 017**

Dear Ms. Blythe:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) renewal request, dated May 9, 2016, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new crude and/or natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. EPNG's current approval expires June 26, 2015. Also, OCD acknowledges receipt of the filing fee (\$100.00) and temporary permission fee (\$150.00) with the May 9, 2016 request.

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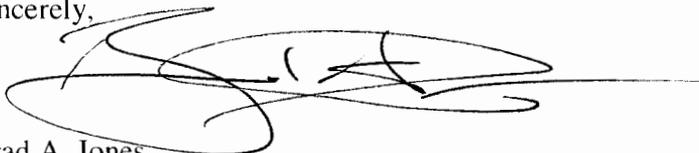
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9. the landowner(s) of each proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location must be properly notified of the activities prior to each proposed hydrostatic test event; and
10. an annual report, summarizing each test of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
  - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
  - b. the date of each test;
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June 10, 2015

Ms. Amy M. Blythe  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
2 North Nevada Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

**Re: Request for Renewal of Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water**  
**Company: El Paso Natural Gas Company**  
**Permit: HBP - 017**

Dear Ms. Blythe:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) renewal request, dated June 1, 2015, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new crude and/or natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. EPNG's current approval expires June 26, 2015. Also, OCD acknowledges receipt of the filing fee (\$100.00) and temporary permission fee (\$150.00) with the June 1, 2015 request.

Based on the information provided in the request, annual temporary permission is hereby granted to EPNG for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period with the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
3. email or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur to a surface water body without obtaining a National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit from the US EPA, NMED, and OCD prior to the discharge;

6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, to ensure that the discharge does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
7. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
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  - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
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Oil Conservation Division



June 12, 2014

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El Paso Natural Gas Company  
2 North Nevada Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

**Re: Request for Renewal of Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water**  
**Company: El Paso Natural Gas Company**  
**Permit: HBP - 017**

Dear Ms. Blythe:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) renewal request, dated June 10, 2014, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new crude and/or natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. EPNG's current approval expires June 26, 2014. Also, OCD acknowledges receipt of the filing fee (\$100.00) and temporary permission fee (\$150.00) with the June 10, 2014 request.

Based on the information provided in the request, annual temporary permission is hereby granted to EPNG for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period with the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
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10. an annual report, summarizing each test of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
  - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
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May 29, 2013

Ms. Amy M. Blythe  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
2 North Nevada Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

**Re: Request for Renewal of Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water**  
**Company: El Paso Natural Gas Company**  
**Permit: HBP - 017**

Dear Ms. Blythe:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) renewal request, dated May 28, 2013, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new crude and/or natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. EPNG's current approval expires June 26, 2013. Also, OCD acknowledges receipt of the filing fee (\$100.00) and temporary permission fee (\$150.00) with the May 28, 2013 request.

Based on the information provided in the request, annual temporary permission is hereby granted to EPNG for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period with the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
3. written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur to a surface water body without obtaining a National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit from the US EPA, NMED, and OCD prior to the discharge;

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6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, to ensure that the discharge does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
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10. an annual report, summarizing each test of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
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April 20, 2011

Mr. Richard Duarte  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
8725 Alameda Park Dr., NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113

**Re: Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water  
Renewal of HBP - 017**

Dear Mr. Duarte:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) request, dated April 8, 2011, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. EPNG's current permit expires June 26, 2011. This temporary permission will not become effective until OCD receives the filing fee of \$100.00 and the temporary permission fee of \$150 pursuant to 20.6.2.3114 NMAC. Please make the check payable to the **Water Quality Management Fund**.

Based on the information provided in the request, **annual temporary permission is hereby granted** for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period when the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
3. oral or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur:
  - a. where ground water is less than 10 feet below ground surface.
  - b. within 200 feet of a watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake;
  - c. within an existing wellhead protection area;
  - d. within, or within 500 feet of a wetland; or



- e. within 500 feet from the nearest permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church;
6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
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10. an annual report, summarizing all tests of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to the OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
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Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire June 26, 2012.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of the permit.

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May 15, 2012

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El Paso Natural Gas Company  
8725 Alameda Park Dr., NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

**Re: Request for Renewal of Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water**  
**Company: El Paso Natural Gas Company**  
**Permit: HBP - 017**

Dear Mr. Duarte:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) request, dated May 11, 2012, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. EPNG's current permit expires June 26, 2012. Also, the OCD acknowledges receipt of the filing fee (\$100.00) and temporary permission fee (\$150.00) in a separate submittal dated May 9, 2012.

Based on the information provided in the request, the OCD hereby grants annual temporary permission. Hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all hydrostatic tests that EPNG may perform during an approved one-year period with the following conditions:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
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5. no discharge shall occur:
  - a. where ground water is less than 10 feet below ground surface.
  - b. within 200 feet of a watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake;
  - c. within an existing wellhead protection area;
  - d. within, or within 500 feet of a wetland; or
  - e. within 500 feet from the nearest permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church;

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June 22, 2010

Mr. Robert St. John  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
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Suite 200  
Midland, Texas 79705

**Re: Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water  
Renewal of HBP - 017**

Dear Mr. St John:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) request, dated June 3, 2010, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. EPNG's current permit expires June 26, 2010.

Based on the information provided in the request, **annual temporary permission is hereby granted** for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period when the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

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2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
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  - a. where ground water is less than 10 feet below ground surface.
  - b. within 200 feet of a watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake;
  - c. within an existing wellhead protection area;
  - d. within, or within 500 feet of a wetland; or



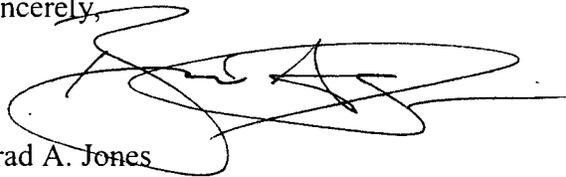
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9. EPNG shall report all unauthorized discharges, spills, leaks and releases of hydrostatic test water and conduct corrective action pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20.6.2.1203 NMAC and OCD Rule 29 (19.15.29 NMAC); and
10. an annual report, summarizing all tests of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to the OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
  - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
  - b. the date of each test;
  - c. the volume of each discharge; and
  - d. the source and quality of test water (laboratory analysis, if necessary).

Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire June 26, 2011.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of the permit.

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve EPNG of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve EPNG of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules and regulations.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 476-3487 or [brad.a.jones@state.nm.us](mailto:brad.a.jones@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,



Brad A. Jones  
Environmental Engineer

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cc: OCD District Offices

June 3, 2010

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Mr. Brad Jones

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

1220 South St. Francis Drive via UPS 1Z 6R4 V49 0253521518

Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Request for Annual Temporary Permit  
El Paso Natural Gas  
Permit HBP-NM-017

Dear Mr. Jones

El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) is submitting the following request for an Annual Temporary Permit to discharge waters from Hydrostatic Tests. The current permit expires on June 26, 2010. A check for \$250.00 that covers the filing and permission fees is being submitted separately to the Water Quality Management Fund. EPNG has also enclosed a pipeline system map that provides potential locations for the discharge of hydrostatic test water. This map is being submitted under a claim of confidentiality.

In order to maintain coverage under the Annual Temporary Permit, EPNG will comply with the following:

- The volume will not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
- Water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD-approved sources will be used for each test;
- Oral or written notification shall be provided to the OCD 72-hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
- The discharge will not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;

No discharge shall occur:

- Where ground water is less than 10 feet below ground surface
- Within 200 feet of a watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake;
- Within an existing wellhead protection area;
- Within or within 500 feet of a wetland; or
- Within 500 feet from the nearest permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church

Best management practices shall be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion

The discharge will not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B and C of the

20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations)

The landowner(s) of each proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location shall be properly notified of the activities prior to each proposed hydrostatic event; and

An annual report, summarizing all tests of new pipe with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to the OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:

The location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates)

The date of each test;

The volume of each discharge; and

The source and quality of test water (laboratory analysis, if necessary).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 432.686.3289.

Sincerely,



Robert H. St. John  
Principal Environmental Scientist

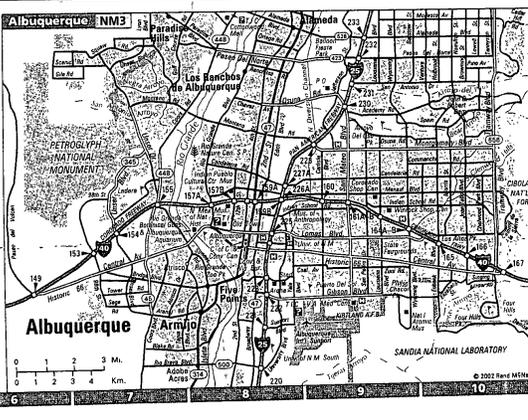
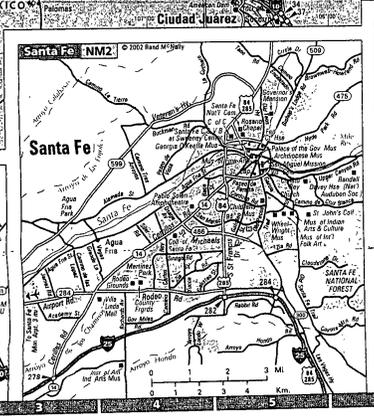
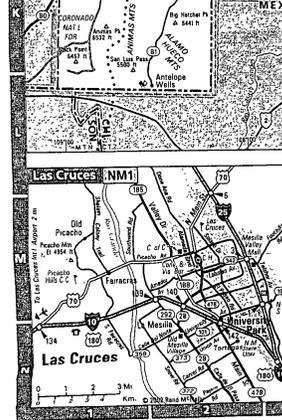
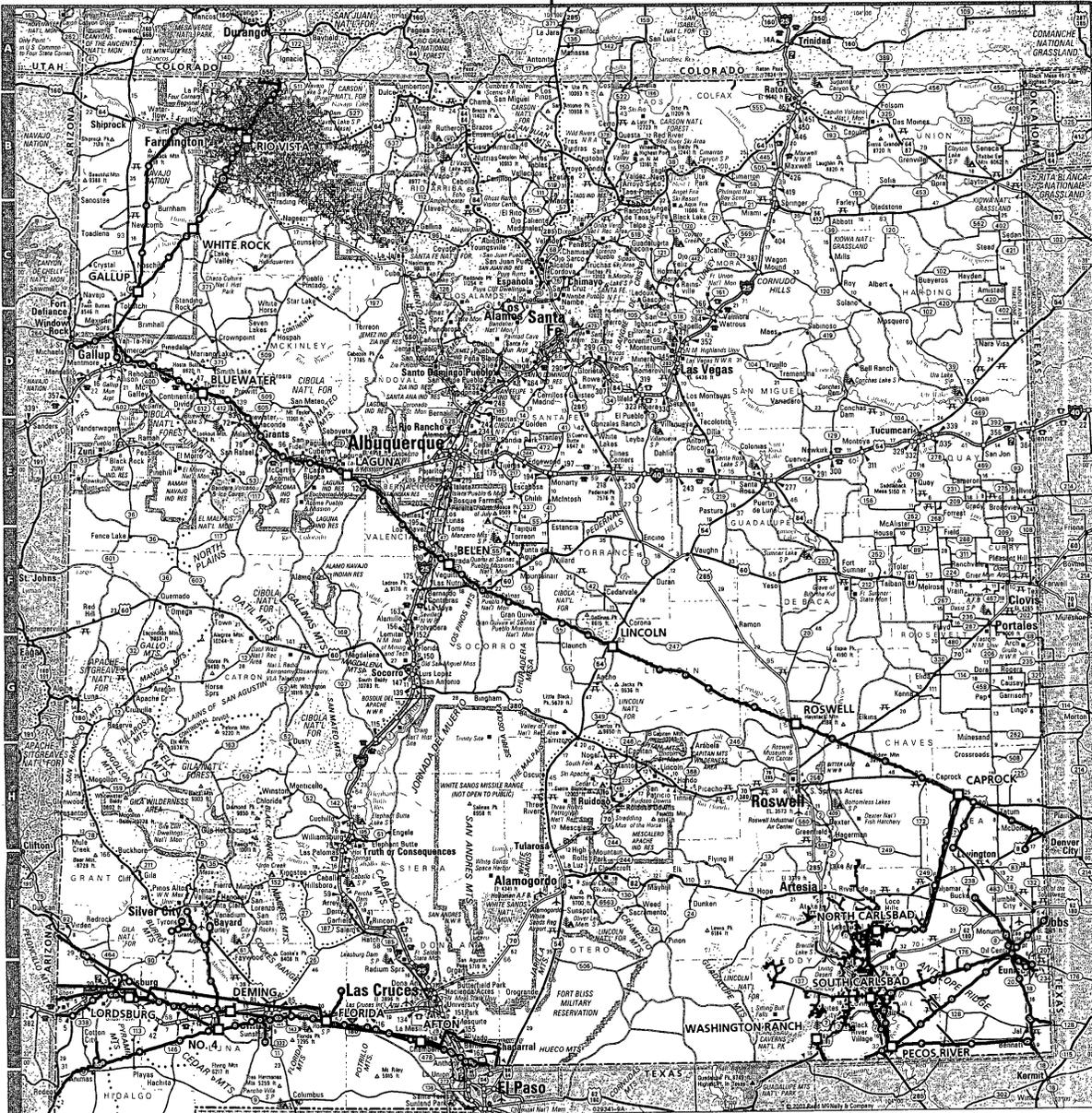
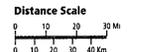
CC: Ms. Sandra Miller – Environmental Manager, PWED  
Mr. Isaac Weaver- Manager, Pipeline Maintenance  
Mr. Lloyd Moore – Supervisor, Pipeline Maintenance  
Mr. Wayne Ritchie – Manager, Mechanical Maintenance, EPNG  
Mr. Bryan Green – Manager, Mechanical Maintenance, EPNG  
Mr. Richard Duarte – Principal Environmental Scientist, EPNG  
Ms. Anu Pundari - Principal Environmental Scientist, EPNG  
Mr. Glen Thompson - Principal Environmental Scientist, EPNG

Nickname: Land of Enchantment  
Land Area: 121,364 sq. mi. (rank: 5th)  
Population: 1,819,046 (rank: 36th)  
Largest City: Albuquerque, 448,607  
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Albuquerque	210	275	217	267	182	198	79	315	224	119	296	224	191	59	240	191	186	191	174
Carlsbad	144	275	179	165	457	414	354	70	198	269	313	371	72	284	285	240	237	264	194
Las Cruces	61	224	194	268	46	626	328	278	257	342	118	443	187	282	111	146	350	75	105
Santa Fe	214	54	268	210	325	208	197	137	308	282	44	352	176	191	288	136	69	208	147

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May 18, 2009

Mr. Robert St. John  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
3300 North "A" – Building Two  
Suite 200  
Midland, Texas 79705

**Re: Annual Temporary Permission To Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water  
Renewal of HBP - 017**

Dear Mr. St John:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) request, dated May 1, 2009, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. EPNG's current permit expires June 26, 2009.

Based on the information provided in the request, **annual temporary permission is hereby granted** for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period when the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
3. oral or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur:
  - a. where ground water is less than 10 feet below ground surface.
  - b. within 200 feet of a watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake;
  - c. within an existing wellhead protection area;
  - d. within, or within 500 feet of a wetland; or

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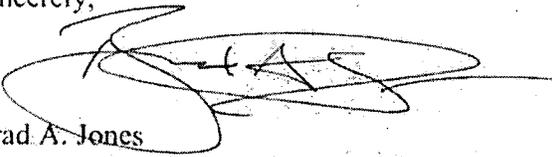
- c. within 500 feet from the nearest permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church;
6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, does not impact adjacent property; and to control erosion;
7. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
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Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire June 26, 2010.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of the permit.

This approval does not relieve EPNG of responsibility should its operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPNG of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 476-3487 or [brad.a.jones@state.nm.us](mailto:brad.a.jones@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,



Brad A. Jones  
Environmental Engineer

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cc: OCD District Offices



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**BILL RICHARDSON**  
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May 4, 2004

**Joanna Prukop**  
Cabinet Secretary  
Acting Director  
Oil Conservation Division

Mr. Osias Uribe  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
8645 Railroad Drive  
El Paso, TX 79904

**Re: Renewable Hydrostatic Test Waters Discharge Permit (HBP-NM-017)**

Dear Mr. Uribe:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company request dated April 30, 2004 to renew their five (5) year authorization to discharge hydrostatic test waters. El Paso Natural Gas Company and El Paso Field Services formerly shared permit HBP-NM-002. The OCD has renewed permit HBP-NM-002 for El Paso Field Services and is assigning El Paso Natural Gas Company permit number HBP-NM-017.

Based on the information and commitments provided, authorization is hereby **approved** with the following conditions:

1. This permit is for testing new pipe only. All used pipe tests must receive specific discharge approval from the OCD prior to testing. Used pipe is defined as any pipe or section of pipe that has had any hydrocarbons in contact with its walls.
2. Only fresh water (preferably less than 1,000 mg/l total dissolved solids) from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in hydrostatic testing.
3. The volume of test water cannot exceed 100,000 gallons. All tests involving more than 100,000 gallons must receive specific authorization from the OCD prior to testing.
4. No test waters will be discharged to any lakes, perennial streams, rivers, or any surface bodies of water or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal.
5. Ground water is not less than 10 feet from the surface at the point of discharge.
6. The Discharge does not impact adjacent property.

7. The discharge does not cause any freshwater supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in 20 NMAC 6.2.3103.A, B and C of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations.
8. **A report must be filed every twelve months** summarizing all tests of new pipe with less than 100,000 gallons each. The report will be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office and shall contain the following information:
  - A. Location of test - Section, Township and Range
  - B. Date of test.
  - C. Volume of discharge.
  - D. Source of test water.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3114 an application fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) is due at the time of the permit application submittal and a general permit fee of six hundred dollars (\$600) is due upon receipt of this approval. The \$100 application fee has been received. The \$600 general permit fee is due upon receipt of this permit approval. This authorization is approved for a period of five (5) years. The authorization will **expire June 26, 2009.**

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve El Paso Natural Gas Company of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve received El Paso Natural Gas Company of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulations.

If there are any questions please call Martyne Kieling at (505) 476-3488.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

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xc:   OCD Hobbs Office  
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      Roy Johnson, OCD District 4