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October 12, 1993

CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-111-334-269

Mr. Richard Duarte, P.E.
El Paso Natural Gas Company
3801 Atrisco Blvd. NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
Valencia County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Duarte:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated September 22, 1993, for authorization to discharge approximately 2,900,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic testing of two sections of used pipeline (No. 1301 and 1300) between Belen, New Mexico and Laguna, New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in your request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water will be discharged into a lined pit located at El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) Belen Compressor Station, SE/4 SE/4 of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, Valencia County, New Mexico.
2. The liquids will be allowed to evaporate in the lined pit.
3. Any solids that accumulate as a result of the discharge will be subject to full characterization testing to determine proper means of disposal.
4. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with your request for disposal of the accumulated solids.

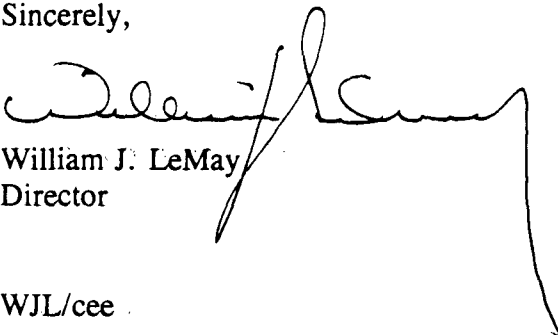
Mr. Richard Duarte
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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Chris Eustice at (505) 827-5824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. LeMay', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William J. LeMay
Director

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xc: Roy Johnson



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Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge**
Valencia County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Duarte:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated October 8, 1993, for authorization to discharge approximately 2,900,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic testing of two sections of used pipeline (No. 1301 and 1300) between Belen, New Mexico and Roswell, New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in your request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water will be discharged into a lined pit located at El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) Belen Compressor Station, SE/4 SE/4 of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, Valencia County, New Mexico.
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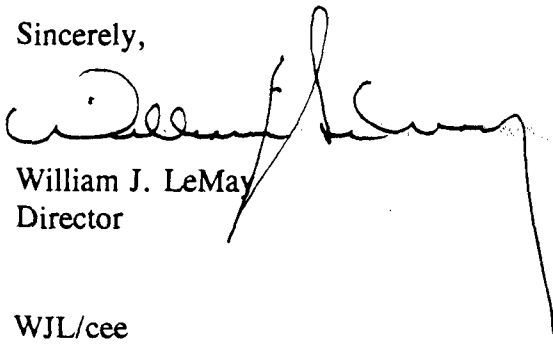
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Please be advised that this approval does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Chris Eustice at (505) 827-5824.

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GARREY CARRUTHERS
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May 21, 1990

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-918-402-254

Mr. W. David Hall, Senior Engineer
El Paso Natural Gas Company
3801 Atrisco Northwest
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120

RE: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge

Dear Mr. Hall:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your application dated May 10, 1990, requesting authorization to discharge hydrostatic test waters for the following three (3) hydrostatic tests:

1. 22,700 feet of the Plains to San Juan crossover, lines 1300 and 1301, consisting of new pipe. The discharge of approximately 401,500 gallons for each line is to an unlined pond located in the SW/4, Section 4, Township 10 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, Cibola County, New Mexico.
2. 3710 feet of the Plains to San Juan crossover, line 1300, consisting of new pipe. The discharge of approximately 131,500 gallons is to an unlined pond located in the SW/4., Section 19, Township 11 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, Cibola County, New Mexico.
3. 58,300 feet of the Plains to San Juan crossover, line 1300, consisting of used pipe. The discharge of approximately 2,065,000 gallons is to a lined pond located in the NW/4 of Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico.

The application was submitted pursuant to Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulation 3-106.B and is hereby approved pursuant to that regulation with the following conditions:

1. All water discharged from the line will be retained in the pits with adequate freeboard to prevent overtopping of the berms. No fluid will be allowed to be discharged or leaked onto the surrounding terrain.
2. For those discharge sites not owned by EPNG, written permission from the landowner must be supplied to the OCD prior to discharge.

Mr. W. David Hall
May 21, 1990
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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the sites are to be used for more than one hydrotest, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharges exceed 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

Please be advised that the approval of these discharges does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

If there are any questions, please contact Roger Anderson at (505) 827-5884.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay by David Catanach

William J. LeMay
Director

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cc: OCD Aztec Office



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February 24, 1988

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. L. E. Gearhart
Senior Environmental Engineer
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

RE: Disposal of Hydrottest Water

Dear Mr. Gearhart:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed your application, dated February 1, 1988, and supplemental information, dated February 1, 1988 and February 17, 1988, requesting temporary authorization to discharge approximately 300,000 gallons of hydrottest water into an unlined pit located in Township 5 North, Range 1 East, as extended into unsurveyed land. The waste water will be generated from the hydrostatic test of an 8400 foot section of 30 inch transmission line.

The application was submitted pursuant to Water Quality Control Commission (W.Q.C.C.) Regulation 3-106.B and is hereby approved pursuant to that regulation with the following conditions.

1. Site #2 located near Mile Post 264 on EPNG Dwg No 1300.0-53 is used as the disposal site for the discharged waste water. Site #1 will not be approved or used.
2. All water discharged from the line will be retained in the pit with adequate free board to prevent overtopping of the berm. No fluid will be allowed to be discharged or leaked on to the surrounding terrain.
3. A representative sample will be obtained by EPNG of the wash water, if used, and analyzed for volatile organic hydrocarbons.
4. A minimum of three samples will be obtained from the hydrotest water prior to placement in the pit and analyzed for general chemistry, heavy metals, volatile organic hydrocarbons and PAH's. The three samples shall be at the beginning, middle and end of the dewatering process.

5. EPNG will notify this office one week prior to the test to afford OCD personnel the opportunity to observe the test.
6. Upon cessation of the discharge and the evaporation or removal of the water from the pit, the pit will be closed and reclaimed utilizing approved closure methods.
7. A statement of landowners permission signed by the landowner of the pit site will be submitted to the OCD prior to any discharges.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If this site is to be used for more than one hydrotest, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

Please be advised that the approval of this plan does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Roger Anderson at (505) 827-5885.

Sincerely,

W. J. LeMay
William J. LeMay
Director

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cc: Roy Johnson



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February 10, 1988

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. L. E. Gearhart
Senior Environmental Engineer
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

RE: Disposal of Hydrotest Water

Dear Mr. Gearhart:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated February 1, 1988, for guidance in how to dispose of hydrotest water from a natural gas pipeline that has been in service. In our phone conversation of February 1, 1988, you indicated a desire to dispose of the water in a pit at the end of the tested section. The proposed location is approximately five miles south of Belen and approximately 2000 feet east of Highway I-25. Depth to ground water in this area is from 5 to 30 feet and of extremely good quality. The alluvial material in the Rio Grande flood plain is very permeable and would not prevent migration of the test water into the fresh ground water.

Under the conditions stated above, the use of an unlined pit will not be allowed. A double lined pit with leak detection that conforms to the OCD's Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Lined Evaporation Pits (enclosed) can be approved. An application for lined evaporation permit must be submitted and approved by the OCD prior to construction.

If the effluent is to be transported and disposed at an alternate location, the method of transportation and disposal must be approved by the OCD. An unlined pit can be utilized if site specific information is submitted that demonstrates there is no potential for contamination of ground or surface waters.

If there are any questions, please call me at (505) 827-5885.

Sincerely,

Roger Anderson

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cc: Roy Johnson