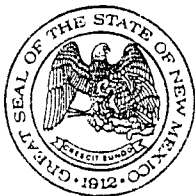


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RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-111-334-281

Mr. Joe Narvaez, P.E.
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
Dona Ana County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Narvaez:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated October 18, 1993, for authorization to discharge approximately 969,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of three sections of used pipeline (No. 1100, No. 1103 & No. 1600) in Dona Ana County, 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 in Section 2, Township 26 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, Dona Ana County, New Mexico.
2. The liquids will be allowed to evaporate in the lined pond.
3. Any solids that accumulate as a result of the discharge will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the 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.

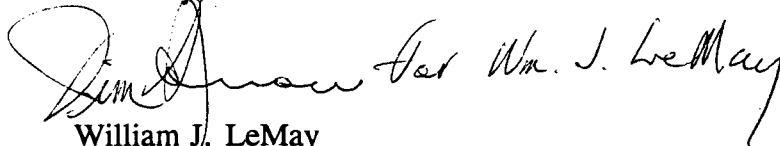
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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If 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 cursive script, appearing to read "William J. LeMay".

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/cee

xc: OCD Aztec Office