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December 2, 1992

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-667-241-883

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

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

Dear Mr. Narvaez:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated November 23, 1992, for authorization to discharge approximately 116,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new pipeline (No. 1004) near Deming, 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 the partially backfilled excavation ditch to allow for safe settling of the pipe.
2. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.

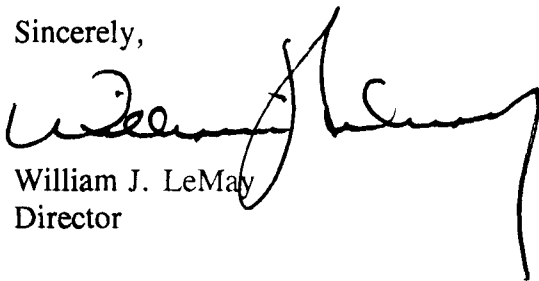
Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan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

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. LeMay", is written over the printed name and title.

William J. LeMay
Director

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