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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS MAIL AIR BILL NO. 2647045446

May 5, 1994

Chris Eustice
NM Oil Conservation Division
State Land Office Bldg., Room 206
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Request for Permit to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water

Dear Chris:

As required by the NM WQCC Regulations, EPNG is seeking a permit to discharge approximately 500,000 gallons of hydrostatic test water from brand new pipe onto farmland owned and operated by ARCO at their Bluewater Mill site (formerly known as the Anaconda Uranium Mill). EPNG has decided to relocate approximately 3 miles of its 30-inch, 1300 Pipeline (San Juan Crossover Line) around ARCO's reclamation site.

The following information is provided for your review in accordance with NMOCD's Guidelines for Hydrostatic Test Dewatering (revision 5/89) for New Pipelines, section 2.

a) Map showing location of the pipelines to be tested; Tab 1 includes two maps showing the area and location of discharge. DWG No. B-4 and DWG No. 1300.0-68 (latest version with new alignment).

b) Description of test; 1. EPNG will complete construction of the pipeline (string all segments together). 2. Backfill pipeline ditch. 3. Fill pipeline with water from ARCO wells ANA #3 and ANA #4. 4. Hydrostatic test new pipeline in accordance with DOT - Pipeline Safety procedures. 5. Upon passing all DOT tests, water will either be truck-hauled to the farmland or transported via pipe for irrigation purposes. In both cases, an energy dissipation device will be used to mitigate soil erosion at the point of discharge. 6. EPNG proposes to perform an oil & grease and general chemistry analysis at three points during the discharge [beginning, middle and end].

c) Source and analysis of test water; Attached in tab 2.

d) Point of discharge of the test water; see map within tab 1. NE/4 of SW/4 of Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 10 West, NMPM in Cibola County, New Mexico. Near Grants, NM.

e) Method and location for collection and retention of fluids and solids; Because of substantial experience on dewatering from brand new pipe, EPNG does not anticipate any degradation of the source water with hydrocarbons, solids or other foreign substances. All test water will be transported (via truck or pipe) directly from the pipeline to the irrigation ditch. Chemical

composition analysis will be performed at three points throughout the dewatering period. Once the hydrostatic test dewatering is complete, the segment of pipeline destined to be retired will be blown down, cut at two points and the new segment will be reconnected. See blue-line aerial drawing within tab 1.

f) Depth of ground water at discharge and collection/retention site; Depth to ground water ranges from approximately 100 feet to 120 feet depending on the time of year.

g) Proposed method of disposal of fluids and solids after test completion including closure of any pits; All water will be discharged into ARCO's irrigation ditch and then used to irrigate the alfalfa fields (also owned by ARCO). An energy dissipation device will be used to minimize erosion. No temporary pits will be constructed.

h) Identification of landowners at and adjacent to the discharge and collection/retention site; ARCO owns all the property surrounding the farmland. ARCO is currently conducting a large uranium reclamation project that requires that they own sufficient land to buffer their reclamation activities.

i) Written permission from the land owner of the collection/retention site; See the letter enclosed within tab 3.

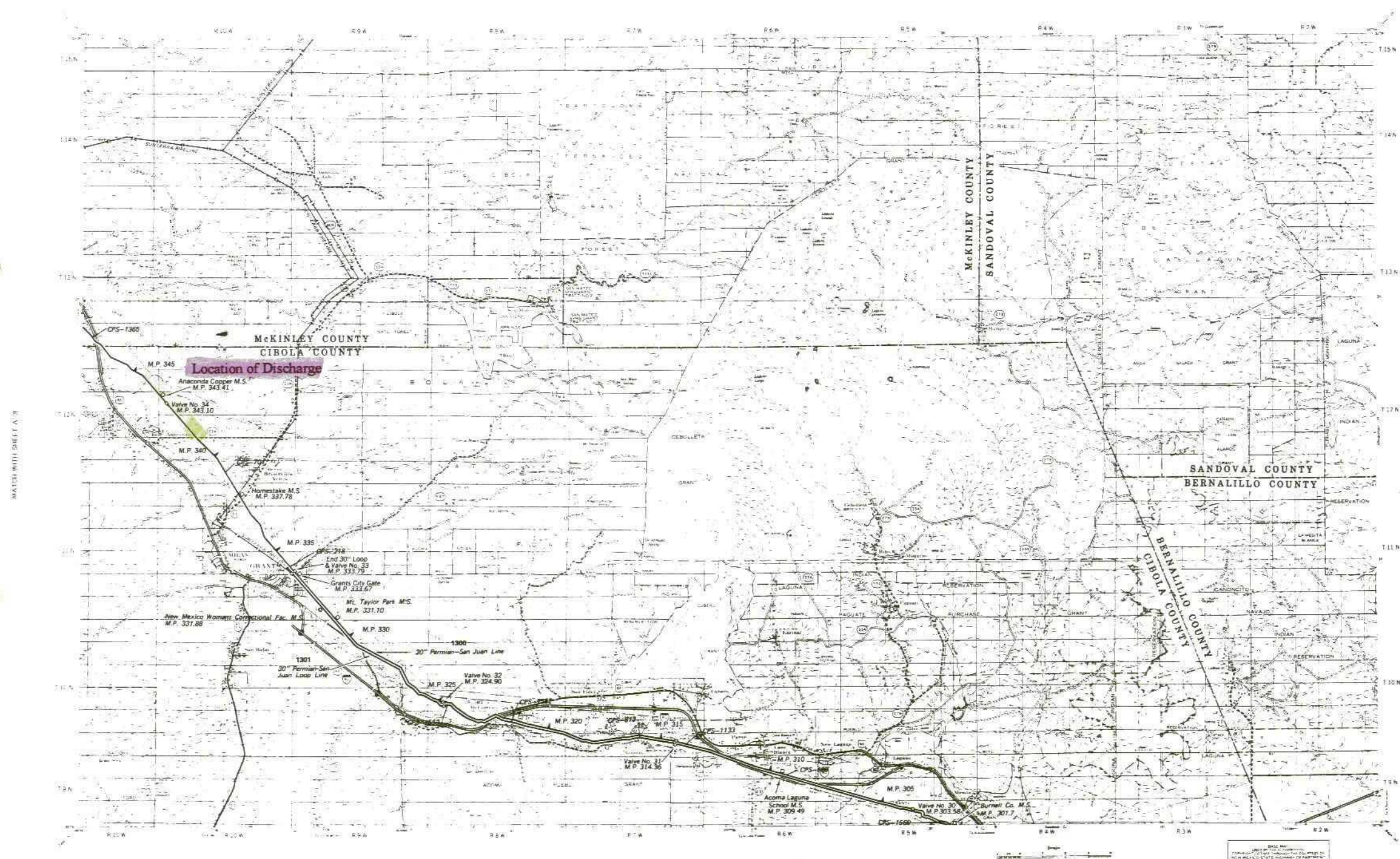
Lastly, EPNG plans to perform its hydrostatic test during the week of May 22, 1994. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 505/831-7763.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,



Richard Duarte
Senior Engineer
Environmental Compliance Engineering



MATCH WITH SHEET 6-7

NEW MEXICO

ARCO
Bluewater Mill
Chemical and Radiological Analyses of Ground water

Sample/Well Description: ANA#3
 Sample Date: 04-19-93

FIELD DATA

Water level elevation, feet: 6468.97
 pH: 7.06
 Temp., degree C: 14
 Conductivity, uOhms/cm: 1,050

LAB DATA:

	mg/l	me/l		mg/l	me/l
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Calcium (Ca)	140	6.986	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	330	5.408
Magnesium (Mg)	40	3.290	Carbonate (CO ₃)	0	0.000
Sodium (Na)	63	2.741	Chloride (Cl)	33	0.931
Potassium (K)	5.5	0.141	Sulfate (SO ₄)	290	6.038
Molybdenum (Mo)	0.007	0.000	Nitrate (NO ₃)	16.4	0.264
Manganese (Mn)	< 0.005	0.000			
Selenium (Se)	< 0.005	0.000			
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TOTAL CATIONS [sum epm]		13.158	TOTAL ANIONS [sum epm]		12.640

The anion-cation balance (Total anion epm/Total cation epm) = 0.96

Total dissolved solids (TDS): 710 mg/l

Radionuclide	Concentration uCi/ml	Error Estimate uCi/ml	LLD uCi/ml
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U-nat	7.4E-09	3.0E-10	2.0E-10



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May 3, 1994

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Sr. Environmental Compliance Engineer
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Dear Richard:

Attached is the general chemistry analyses you requested in your April 20, 1994 letter for the water source to be used for hydrostatic testing of the newly installed gas pipeline at the Bluewater Mill Site. Water required for the hydrostatic testing may be pumped from ARCO wells ANA #3 and ANA #4.

Following the hydrostatic testing, the water from the 30 inch pipeline is to be transported to the ARCO farm irrigation canal located within the South ¼ of Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 10 West NMPM. This water is to be used for irrigation of this farm. No water shall be discharged onto any ground surface or retention facility other than the ARCO farm. Of course, should any discharge water exceed regulated levels under Federal or State law, El Paso Natural Gas Company must properly dispose of any such water and remedy any spill.

Should you have any questions or wish to go over this information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sanchez
Project Engineer

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Attachment

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30" O.D. TRANSWESTERN PIPELINE

PROPOSED BLOCK VALVE 34

EXISTING PIPELINE TO BE ABANDONED IN PLACE

ANACONDA COPPER COMPANY
(TAILINGS PONDS)

R-10-W
R-11-W

BLOCK VALVE 34
M.P. 343+5359
(TO BE RELOCATED)

THE MALPAIS

PROPOSED 300' X 150' PIPE YARD

PROPOSED PARKING AREAS

VALLE VERDE ESTATES

2" IRON PIPE

600'

625+00 MATCH LINE

625+00 MATCH LINE

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