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RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-670-683-573

Ms. A. N. Pundari
Senior Compliance Engineer
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 4990
Farmington, New Mexico 87499

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
Gathering Line Project Near Largo Plant**

Dear Ms. Pundari:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated March 13, 1992, for authorization to discharge approximately 182,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) new sixteen-inch gathering line. The new line will begin at SW/4, Section 17, T-25-N, R-7-W, Rio Arriba County and will end at Largo Plant located at SE/4, Section 15, T-26-N, R-7-W, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The pipeline is new pipe and will not be washed prior to introduction of test water. The test water will be disposed of into a single polyurethane lined (12 mil) pond located in the old camp area at Largo Plant. The hydrostatic test will be conducted in three phases with all discharge occurring into EPNG's single-lined pond at Largo Plant.

Based on the information provided in your request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved.

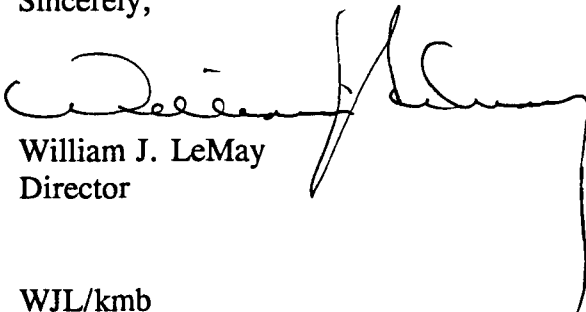
Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan 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 or ground waters or the environment actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

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If there are any questions, please call Kathy Brown at (505) 827-5812.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. LeMay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right and a vertical line dropping down from the end.

William J. LeMay
Director

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xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District