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September 14, 1994

## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-176-012-259

Mr. Chuck Conner El Paso Natural Gas Company P.O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas 79978

Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Conner:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated August 17, 1943, and supplemental information, dated September 9, 1994, for authorization to discharge approximately 110,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic testing of two sections of used pipeline (No. 1100 & No. 1001) located near Loving, 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 and stored in frac tanks pending full characterization of the test water.
- 2. The test water will be analyzed for hazardous waste characteristics.
- 3. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with your request for disposal of the accumulated test water.

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.

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

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay

Director

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