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September 9, 1994

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn: Mr. Chris Eustice
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Santa Fe, NM. 87504-2 088

Re: Permit to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water from Used Pipe into an Evaporation Pond Facility.

Dear Mr. Eustice:

As we had discussed on the phone yesterday, El Paso Natural Gas (EPNG) plans to conduct hydrostatic tests on its 1100 & 1001 lines in the Pecos River area. EPNG proposes to dispose of approximately 110,000 gallons of test water from this testing into an evaporation pond facility after said water has been tested to be non-hazardous. The water will be stored in FRAC tanks until test results have been obtained.

The test water source will come from EPNG's Pecos River Station. Samples of the test water will be taken prior to hydrostatic testing and prior to discharge into the pond. These will be analyzed to insure that the test water is non-hazardous. The analytical data will be made available to the NMOCD upon request.

EPNG is seeking NMOCD approval to discharge the test water in the above mentioned manner. We would like to begin the test on this project next week and would appreciate your help in expediting this matter. This request is being faxed to you today with a hard copy to follow. If you have any questions or need clarification on any of the above statements, please feel free to contact me at 915/541-3320. Thank you again for your help and insight as well as your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Chuck Conner
Environmental Compliance Engineer