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**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
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March 24, 1999

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-523**

Mr. Richard Favila  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
P.O. Box 1492  
El Paso, Texas 79978-1492

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Permit, Line No. 1103**  
**El Paso Natural Gas Company**  
**Rancho Rio Grande Units 1&2, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, NMPM,**  
**Valencia County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Favila:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) request dated March 3, 1999 for authorization to discharge approximately 8,640 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of approximately 13,293 feet of 41/2 inch new pipeline at the above referenced location.

Based on the information provided in the request, and supplemental information dated March 4, 1999 the hydrostatic test water discharges are hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water (8,640 gallons) will be discharged into frac tanks along the EPNG right of way and then will be discharged along the right of way or into the trench.
2. Only fresh water of less than 2,000 mg/l total dissolved solids from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in the hydrostatic test.
3. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.
4. Any solids that accumulate in the frac tanks as a result of the discharge will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the proper means of disposal.
5. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with a request for disposal of the accumulated solids.

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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow EPNG 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 re-application 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 EPNG of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPNG of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Martyne Kieling at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

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Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Permit, Line No. 1300**  
**El Paso Natural Gas Company**  
**Rio Grand Estates Unit 25 and Belen Claim, Casa Colorado Grant,**  
**T-3N, R-2E, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Favila:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) request dated March 4, 1999 for authorization to discharge approximately 277,362 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of approximately 15,409.3 feet of 30 inch new pipeline at the above referenced location.

Based on the information provided in the request, and supplemental information dated March 4, 1999 the hydrostatic test water discharges are hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water (277,362 gallons) will be held in frac tanks along the EPNG right of way and then will be discharged along the right of way or into the trench.
2. Only fresh water of less than 2,000 mg/l total dissolved solids from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in the hydrostatic test.
3. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.
4. Any solids that accumulate in the frac tanks as a result of the discharge will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the proper means of disposal.
5. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with a request for disposal of the accumulated solids.

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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow EPNG 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 re-application 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 EPNG of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPNG of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

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December 23, 1998

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-496**

Mr. Richard Favila  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
P.O. Box 1492  
El Paso, Texas 79978-1492

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge, Line No. 1300  
Unit 25, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, NMPM,  
Valencia County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Favila:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Co. (EPNG) analyses and request for approval to discharge approximately 231,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic testing of Line 1300. The discharge location proposed is on the pipeline right of way in Unit 25, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in the request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water will be discharged into a the pipeline trench or along the right of way.
2. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.
3. Any solids that accumulate as a result of the discharge will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the proper means of disposal.
4. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with a request for disposal of the accumulated solids.

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Roger C. Anderson  
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October 27, 1998

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-474**Mr. Richard Favila  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
P.O. Box 1492  
El Paso, Texas 79978-1492*Danell*  
*F.Y.I.*  
*Richard*  
Operations Services

OCT 30 1998

Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge, Line No. 1300  
Unit 25, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, NMPM,  
Valencia County, New Mexico

Received

Dear Mr. Favila:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) request dated October 13, 1998, for authorization to discharge approximately 231,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic testing of a 30 inch, 9,000 foot section of used pipeline (Line 1300) located in Unit 25, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico.

Please note that used pipelines contain numerous contaminants that can pose potential environmental problems. Containment of the fluids in lined pits or tanks and analysis of water will be required prior to discharge approval. Based on the information provided in the EPNG request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is subject to approval by the OCD upon completion and receipt of the following:

1. The test water and solids will be discharged and stored in tanks or lined pits pending full characterization of the test water;
2. The test water will be analyzed for major anions and cations (Ca, Mg, Na, K, HCO<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>3</sub>, Cl, SO<sub>4</sub>), heavy metals (As, Ba, Cd, Pb, Hg, Se, Fe, Zn), aromatic and halogenated hydrocarbons, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), TDS, Fe, Mn, pH and conductivity;
3. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD Santa Fe office along with your request for disposal of the accumulated test water;
4. Any solids that accumulate in the lined holding pond as a result of storage will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the proper means of disposal;
5. Information regarding the exact test water discharge method and location, written permission from the landowner, depth to ground water, disposal method of the solids, and closure of any pits will be provided along with the discharge request and analytical results;
6. Upon review of the analytical results and additional information the OCD will make a determination as to whether the test water can be discharged to the ground surface and whether a permit will be issued.





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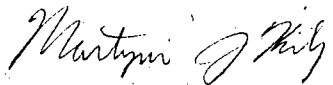
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Martyne J. Kieling". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Martyne J. Kieling  
Environmental Geologist