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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
HOBBS DISTRICT OFFICE

POST OFFICE BOX 1980
HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88241-1980
(505) 393-6161

Mr. Ralph King
Exxon Co. USA
P.O. 1600 ML14
Midland, Texas 79702

Re: Exxon's request for regulatory information;
1. Salt Water Disposal (SWD) rules on dikes/berms/fire walls etc.
2. Pipeline Hydrostatic Test Discharge water.

Dear Mr. King,

Per your recent request please find enclosed the following information and documents.

1. NMOCD 19 NMCD 15.E rule 310 pertaining to dikes and/or fire walls.

Please note if SWD's utilize below grade tanks or pits then they may be required to be permitted under rule 711.

2. Guidelines for Hydrostatic Test Dewatering.

Please note these type of permits are issued out of the NMOCD Environmental Bureau office in Santa Fe, NM. To obtain a permit please contact Martyne Kieling at 505-827-07153.

Basically new pipelines using fresh water that discharge less than 100,000 gallons per event can be permitted under a blanket 5 year permit, notwithstanding certain other conditions found in the guidelines.

While not specifically pointed out in the guidelines the local NMOCD District would like to receive a courtesy call before you actually discharge on each event.

All other scenarios usually require one-time individual permits before discharging.

If you require any further assistance concerning this matter please do not hesitate to call (505-393-6161) or write.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Price-Environmental Engineer

cc: Jerry Sexton-NMOCD District I Supervisor
Martyne Kieling-NMOCD Environmental Geologist, Santa Fe
Gary Wink-NMOCD District I Field Rep. II

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 S. PACHECO
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(505) 827-7131

January 26, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-612

Mr. Paul S. Molnar
Exxon Company, U.S.A.
P.O. Box 1600
Midland, Texas 79702-1600

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge**
New Fiberglass Flowlines
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Molnar:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Exxon Company, U.S.A. (Exxon) request, dated January 19, 1996, for authorization to discharge approximately 52,500 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new pipeline (2" line). The proposed location for the discharge is the Avalon (Delaware) Unit, Eddy 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. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.
2. The pipe must be new and never previously used for hydrocarbon transmission.
3. Permission will be obtained from the landowner(s) prior to discharge.
4. The test waters will be discharged into the excavated pipe trench for safe settling of the pipe.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow Exxon 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.

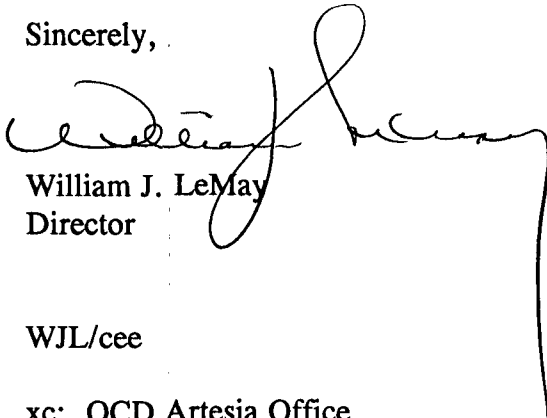
(2"-8" line)
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Please be advised that this approval does not relieve Exxon of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, the OCD approval does not relieve Exxon of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. LeMay", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the name.

William J. LeMay
Director

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