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NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
(505) 827-7131

November 21, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-255

Mr. Ed Watson
Texas New Mexico Pipeline Co.
P.O. Box 60028
San Angelo Texas 76906

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge**
122,000 Barrel Crude Oil Tank
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Watson:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Texas New Mexico Pipeline Co. request, dated August 8, 1996, for authorization to discharge approximately 4,326,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of an above ground crude oil storage tank at the Jal tank farm located two miles south of Jal New Mexico. The proposed location for the discharge is located within the berm surrounding the tank.

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 onto the ground in a manner to prevent erosion.
2. The hydrotest water will be filtered through hay bales prior to discharge.
3. Discharged fluids will not be allowed to enter a water of the U.S.
4. All water will be contained within the existing berms.
5. The hydro test water will be analyzed prior to discharge.

This approval confirms verbal approval granted on October 11, 1996.

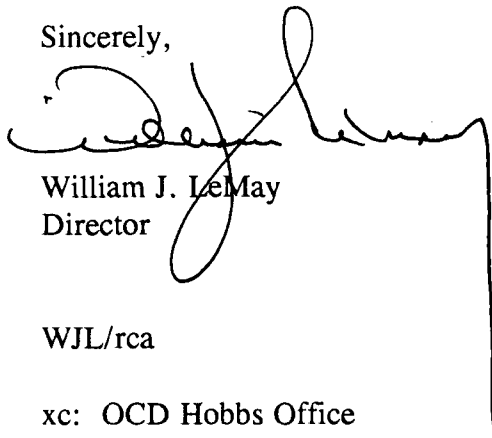
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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow Texas New Mexico Pipeline Co. to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication 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 Texas New Mexico Pipeline Co. of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Texas New Mexico Pipeline Co. of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If there are any questions, please call Roger Anderson at (505) 827-7152.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. LeMay", with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/rca

xc: OCD Hobbs Office