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RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-327-278-154

Ms. Joleen Rock
ENRON Gas Pipeline Operating Company
P. O. Box 1188
Houston, Texas 77251-1188

RE: Request for Hydrostatic Discharge

Dear Ms. Rock:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated April 30, 1991 and revised May 15, 1991 and May 23, 1991, to discharge hydrotest waters generated from the test of the Transwestern Pipeline Company 30" San Juan Basin Pipeline Project and 30" Transwestern Pipeline Expansion Project.

The San Juan Basin Pipeline Project consists of up to thirteen discharge points and the Transwestern Pipeline Expansion Project (Loop E) consists of three discharge points.

Based on the information provided in your request, the hydrostatic test water discharges are hereby approved with the following exceptions and conditions:

1. The following discharge points are authorized only if the fluids are contained in a pit or bermed area to prevent uncontrolled spreading of the fluid over the ground surface that may allow fluids to reach or enter a stream, arroyo or other watercourse:
 - a. Gallup Compressor Station located in Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 17 West, NMPM, McKinley County.
 - b. Test section 1 located in Section 10, Township 16 North, Range 16 West, NMPM, McKinley County.
 - c. Test section 10 located in Section 20, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County.
 - d. Test section 13 located at the proposed Bloomfield Compressor Station.

2. The following discharge points will not be allowed due to the proximity to water courses:
 - a. Test section 11 located in Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County.
 - b. Test section 12 located in Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County.
 - c. Test section 11-Loop E located in Section 26, Township 16 North, Range 20 West, NMPM, San Juan County.

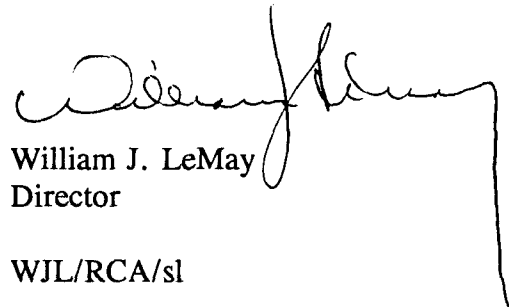
Enron may reapply for discharge at these locations provided additional information is furnished that will demonstrate such discharges will not reach a watercourse.

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 these sites are to be used for more than one hydrotest, 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 plan does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Roger Anderson at (505) 827-5884.

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay
Director

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cc: Aztec OCD Office