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NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
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November 10, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-484

Mr. Gary Gee
B&H Maintenance and Construction, Inc.
Box 970
Eunice, NM 88231

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
New Pipeline
NE/4 of Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM,
Eddy County, New Mexico.**

Dear Mr. Gee:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received UPR Highlands (UPR) request, dated November 10, 1998, for authorization to discharge approximately 271,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new 10" pipeline. The proposed location for the discharge is into hay bales and then onto pasture land located in NE/4 of Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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

1. Permission will be obtained from the landowner(s) prior to discharge.
2. The test water will be discharged in a manner to prevent erosion.
3. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
4. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.
5. No discharged fluids will be allowed to enter a water of the U.S.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger C. Anderson".

Roger C. Anderson
Environmental Bureau Chief

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