

HIP - 63

**PERMITS,
RENEWALS, &
MODS**



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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

March 13, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-623

Mr. Scott Maddox
WestTex 66 Pipeline Co.
776 Adams Building
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74004

Re: **Discharge of Hydrostatic Test Waters**
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Maddox:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received WestTex 66 Pipeline Co.'s (Westtex) request dated March 8, 1996 requesting authorization to discharge approximately 50,800 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic testing of a section of 3 and 4 inch used pipeline (12.7 miles) located between Hobbs and Eunice, New Mexico.

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

1. Approximately 6,300 gallons of pigging waste will be discharged prior to the hydrostatic testing of the pipe. The discharge point for the pigging waste will be a frac tank located in Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
2. The Hydrostatic test waters will be discharged into frac tanks located adjacent to GPM's Eunice Plant.
3. Westtex will obtain separate authorization from the OCD prior to disposal of the hydrostatic test waters.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3106.B, this approval will allow Westtex to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If more than one hydrostatic test water discharge occurs, or the permitted discharge volume is

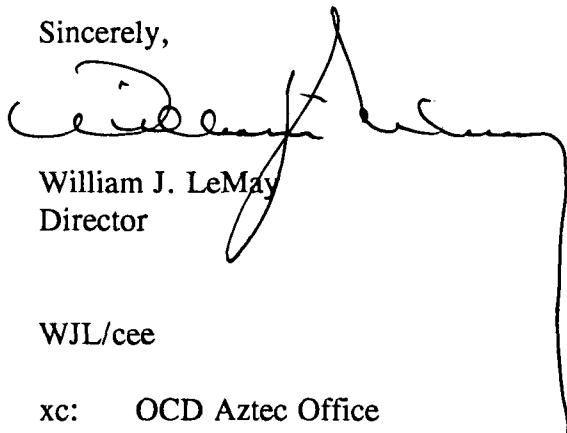
Mr. Scott Maddox
March 13, 1996
Pg. 2

exceeded, another application must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a discharge plan must be submitted for review.

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

If there are any questions, please call Chris Eustice at (505) 827-5824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. LeMay', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right and a vertical line dropping down from the end of the flourish.

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/cee

xc: OCD Aztec Office