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Mr. David Bays
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**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
Sec. 5, T-21-S, R-24-E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico
12" New Pipeline**

Dear Mr. Bays:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the El Paso Field Services (EPFS) request, dated March 19, 2001, for authorization to discharge approximately 253,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of new pipeline (Indian Basin 12"). The proposed location for the discharge is an existing water pond for cattle located in Section 5, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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 (253,000 gallons) will be discharged onto the ground surface in Section 5, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
2. Written permission will be obtained from the surface landowner(s) of the discharge, collection, and retention areas prior to discharge.
3. The test water will be fresh water from private well C-2701 in SW/4 SW/4 SW/4, Section 20, T21S, R24E.
4. The test water will be discharged in a manner to collect any solids and to prevent erosion.
5. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
6. No discharged fluids will be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow EPFS 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 EPFS of liability should their operation result in pollution

of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPFS of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If there are any questions, please call me at (505) 476-3488.

Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kielling
Environmental Geologist

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