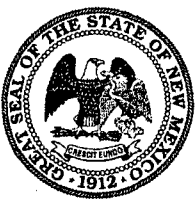


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June 12, 2002

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7001-1940-0004-3929-8003**

Mr. John A. Ferraiuolo  
PNM  
Alvarado Square, MS 2104  
Albuquerque, NM 87158

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge HI-069  
Santa Fe Mainline from the Placitas Border Station to the Algodones Border Station.  
Discharge location: Section 1, T13N, R4E and Section 6, T13N, R5E, NMPM,  
Sandoval County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Ferraiuolo:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Public Service Company's (PNM) data package and request, dated May 30, 2002. Based the conditions in HI-069 and on the information provided in the PNM letter and data package the OCD hereby approves of the your disposal method.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve PNM of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve PNM of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions, please call me at (505) 476-2488.

Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kielling  
Environmental Geologist

xc: OCD Aztec Office



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**RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7099-3220-0000-5051-2290**

Mr. Scott P. Berger  
PNM  
Alvarado Square, MS 2104  
Albuquerque, NM 87158

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge HI-069  
Santa Fe Mainline from the Placitas Border Station to the Algodones Border Station.  
Discharge location: Section 1, T13N, R4E and Section 6, T13N, R5E, NMPM,  
Sandoval County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Berger:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Public Service Company's (PNM) request, dated April 19, 2001, and supplemental information dated May 2 and 3, 2001 for authorization to discharge approximately 194,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of the Santa Fe Mainline from the Placitas Border Station to the Algodones Border Station. The test will be on approximately 6 miles of used 12-inch natural gas pipeline. The discharge point will be located in Section 1, T13N, R4E and Section 6, T13N, R5E, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

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

1. The test water (194,000 gallons) will be piped to an lined evaporation pond located in NW/4 SW/4 Section 6, Township 13 North, Range 5 East, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico.
2. The pond will be constructed to allow for adequate free board to prevent overtopping.
3. The evaporation pond liner will be at least 60 mil must be anchored along the edges and weighted in the bottom to prevent wind from lifting and tearing the liner.
4. Test water will be held in the lined evaporation pond until evaporated.
5. Only fresh water of less than 1,000 mg/l total dissolved solids from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in the hydrostatic test.
6. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.
7. Any solids that accumulate in the lined evaporation pond as a result of the discharge will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the proper means of disposal.

8. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with a request for disposal of the accumulated solids.
9. The landowner at the collection /retention site must be notified and written permission must be received.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow PNM 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 PNM of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve PNM of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Martyne Kieling at (505) 476-2488.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

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