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# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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November 14, 2002

Ms. Robin DeLapp  
PNM  
Alvarado Square, MS 2104  
Albuquerque, NM 87158-2104

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge HI-081  
Alamogordo Natural Gas Mainline: Chaparral Compressor Station to Hueco Tanks  
Block Valve Setting 1  
Discharge location: Section 33, T26S, R5E  
Donna Anna County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. DeLapp:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Public Service Company's (PNM) request dated November 5, 2002 for authorization to discharge approximately 57,450 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of the Alamogordo Natural Gas Mainline from the Chaparral Compressor Station to the Hueco Tanks Block Valve Setting 1. The test will be on approximately 7.25 miles of used 6-inch natural gas pipeline. The discharge point will be located in Section 33, T26S, R5E, NMPM, Donna Anna 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 (57,450 gallons) will be held frac-tanks along the PNM right-of-way and then tested in accordance with 40 CFR 261 for reactivity, corrosivity, ignitability, metals, volatiles and semi-volatiles.
2. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with a request for disposal of the accumulated fluids.
3. 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.
4. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.
5. The landowner at the collection /retention site must be notified and written permission must be received.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3106.B, this approval will allow PNM to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days and will expire on March 14, 2003. Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3114 an application fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) is due at the time of the permit application submittal and a temporary permission permit fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) is due upon receipt of this approval. The \$100 application fee and \$150 temporary permission fee have been received. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger C. Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

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