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Mr. Richard Duarte
El Paso Natural Gas Company
3801 Atrisco Blvd., NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge HI-087
Pipeline No. 1005
Sections 15,16,17 and 18, Townships 24 South, Ranges 9 West, NMPM,
Luna County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Duarte:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) request, dated October 9, 2003, for authorization to discharge approximately 274,000 gal of waste water from the hydrostatic test of approximately 3 miles of 12 inch used pipeline located in Sections 15,16,17 and 18, Townships 24 South, Ranges 9 West, NMPM, Luna 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 pipeline segment to be tested will first be cleaned with wash-run water this water will be discharged into a frac-tank and transported to EPNG's Deming Station for disposal into a double lined pond that is permitted under NMOCD Discharge Plan number GW-147.
2. The test water (100,000 gallons) will be held frac-tanks along the EPNG right-of-way or within the pipeline.
3. The test water will be sampled for organic compounds, major anions and cations, heavy metals, aromatic and halogenated hydrocarbons, TDS, Fe, Mn, ph, PAHs and conductivity.
4. The analytical results from the hydrostatic test discharge will be made available to the OCD. Upon approval by the OCD Hydrostatic test water may be discharged along the pipeline right of way for dust suppression.

5. The landowner at the collection/disposal site must be notified and written permission must be received.
6. 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.
7. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.
8. Any solids that accumulate in the frac-tanks as a result of the discharge will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the proper means of disposal.
9. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with a request for disposal of the accumulated solids.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3106.B, this approval will allow EPNG to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. 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 and \$150 temporary permission permit fees have not 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 EPNG of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPNG of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

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

Sincerely,



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