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**Subject: Environmental Issues of Line 1103 Rupture near Carlsbad, NM**

Mr. Anderson,

On August 22, 2000 NMOCD inspectors visited the El Paso Line 1103 rupture site located just upstream of El Paso's Pecos River Compressor Station located approximately 30 miles south of Carlsbad, NM. The inspectors asked to view the rupture site and any other areas that may have been environmentally impacted by the rupture. The following are items that the inspectors asked for feedback:

- Analyze the soil in the bottom of the rupture crater.
- Verify ownership of broken water line associated with rupture crater.
- Properly dispose of broken water pipe (asbestos-containing material).
- Analyze loose paint chips originating from pipeline supports and pipeline spanning the Pecos River.
- Properly dispose of fire-damaged transformer.

As you well know, these items have all been successfully completed. The soil in the bottom of the crater was found to have no detectable contamination of any kind. The analytical results for the soil are attached. The water line is owned by El Paso. All broken water pipe was properly disposed of according to applicable asbestos (non-friable) regulations. Approximately 2 drums (300 pounds) of asbestos (non-friable) were disposed. The loose paints were found to contain lead-based paint. All loose paint chips were physically picked up from the ground and placed into storage containers that were properly disposed of according to all applicable regulations. Approximately 1 drum (100 pounds) was disposed. The fire-damaged transformer was found to be a non-PCB unit and was disposed of accordingly.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this information or this matter in general please feel free to contact me at (915) 686-3226.

Sincerely,



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