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**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-667-242-316**

Ms. Anu N. Pundari  
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El Paso Natural Gas Company  
P.O. Box 4990  
Farmington, New Mexico 87499

**RE: MOBIL THOMAS #1 DEHYDRATION PIT  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Ms. Pundari:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of the El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) November 30, 1992 "CLOSURE PLAN FOR MOBIL THOMAS #1 DEHYDRATION PIT, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO". The closure plan describes EPNG's proposed method for assessing contaminant levels and remediating contaminated soils during closure of EPNG's dehydration pit on the Mobil Thomas #1 lease site located in the NW 1/4, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of Section 30, T29N R11W NMPM San Juan County, New Mexico.

The above referenced closure plan is hereby approved.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not limit EPNG to the work proposed should the closure activities fail to remediate contaminants which have migrated from the dehydration pit. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPNG of liability for compliance with any other laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-5885.

Sincerely,

William C. Olson  
Hydrogeologist  
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cc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec Office



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**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-667-242-305**

Mr. David Hall  
San Juan Engineering Compliance Manager  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
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El Paso, Texas 79978

**RE: MOBIL THOMAS #1 DEHYDRATION PIT  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Hall:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has recently required Mobil Exploration and Producing U.S., Inc. to investigate and remediate contaminants in soils and ground water resulting from production activities at Mobil's Thomas #1 lease site near Bloomfield, New Mexico. The Thomas #1 lease is located in the NW 1/4, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of Section 30, T29N R11W San Juan County, New Mexico.

During the course of Mobil's investigation, a soil vapor survey identified high levels of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX) in the soils directly adjacent to the lease's unlined dehydration pit. The El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) has been identified as the owner and operator of the dehydration unit.

The OCD is concerned that the unlined dehydration pit may have impacted ground water at the Thomas #1 lease due to the shallow depth to ground water (3.5 - 4.5 feet). Therefore, the OCD requests that EPNG submit a work plan within 60 days of receipt of this letter to investigate any ground water impacts related to EPNG's unlined dehydration pit. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505)827-5885.

Sincerely,

William C. Olson  
Hydrogeologist  
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