

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

**Michelle Lujan Grisham**  
Governor

**Sarah Cottrell Propst**  
Cabinet Secretary

**Todd E. Leahy, JD, PhD**  
Deputy Secretary

**Adrienne Sandoval, Division Director**  
Oil Conservation Division



May 13, 2019

Ms. Sandra Adcox  
ONEOK Permian NGL Operating Company, LLC  
4000 N. Big Spring Street, Suite 200  
Midland, Texas 79705-4613

**Re: Request for Approval of Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water  
ONEOK Permian NGL Operating Company, LLC  
Permit: HBP-036**

Dear Ms. Adcox:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received ONEOK Permian NGL Operating Company, LLC's (ONEOK) revised request, dated May 9, 2019, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new pipelines, for the transmission of crude oil and/or natural gas, throughout the State of New Mexico. Also, OCD acknowledges receipt of the filing fee (\$100.00) and temporary permission fee (\$150.00) with the initial April 1, 2019 submittal.

Based on the information provided in the request, annual temporary permission is hereby granted to ONEOK for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period with the following understandings and conditions:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources (upon specific request to OCD) is used for each test;
3. email or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur to a surface water body without obtaining a National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit from the US EPA, NMED, and OCD prior to the discharge;

6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, to ensure that the discharge does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
7. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
8. ONEOK shall report all unauthorized discharges, spills, leaks and releases of hydrostatic test water and conduct corrective action pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20.6.2.1203 NMAC and release notification pursuant to OCD Rule 29 (19.15.29 NMAC);
9. the landowner(s) of each proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location must be properly notified of the activities prior to each proposed hydrostatic test event; and
10. an annual report, summarizing each test of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
  - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
  - b. the date of each discharge;
  - c. the volume of each discharge; and
  - d. the source and quality of test water (laboratory analysis, if necessary).

Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire May 13, 2020.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of this approval.

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve ONEOK of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve ONEOK of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules and regulations.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 476-3487 or [brad.a.jones@state.nm.us](mailto:brad.a.jones@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,



Brad A. Jones  
Environmental Engineer

BAJ/baj

cc: OCD District Offices