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# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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April 30, 2004

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Cabinet Secretary  
Acting Director  
Oil Conservation Division

Mr. David Bays  
El Paso Field Services  
614 Reilly Ave.  
Farmington, NM 87401

**Re: Renewable Hydrostatic Test Waters Discharge Permit (HBP-NM-002)**

Dear Mr. Bays:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Field Services request dated March 29, 2004 to renew their five (5) year authorization to discharge hydrostatic test waters.

Based on the information and commitments provided, authorization is hereby **approved** with the following conditions:

1. This permit is for testing new pipe only. All used pipe tests must receive specific discharge approval from the OCD prior to testing. Used pipe is defined as any pipe or section of pipe that has had any hydrocarbons in contact with its walls.
2. Only fresh water (preferably less than 1,000 mg/l total dissolved solids) from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in hydrostatic testing.
3. The volume of test water cannot exceed 100,000 gallons. All tests involving more than 100,000 gallons must receive specific authorization from the OCD prior to testing.
4. No test waters will be discharged to any lakes, perennial streams, rivers, or any surface bodies of water or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal.
5. Ground water is not less than 10 feet from the surface at the point of discharge.
6. The Discharge does not impact adjacent property.
7. The discharge does not cause any freshwater supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in 20 NMAC 6.2.3103.A, B and C of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations.

8. A report must be filed every twelve months summarizing all tests of new pipe with less than 100,000 gallons each. The report will be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office and shall contain the following information:
- A. Location of test - Section, Township and Range
  - B. Date of test.
  - C. Volume of discharge.
  - D. Source of test water.

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 general permit fee of six hundred dollars (\$600) is due upon receipt of this approval. The \$100 application fee and \$600 general permit fee has been received. This authorization is approved for a period of five (5) years. The authorization will **expire June 26, 2009.**

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve El Paso Field Services of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve received El Paso Field Services of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulations.

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

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

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xc: OCD Hobbs Office  
OCD Artesia Office  
OCD Aztec Office



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
(505) 827-7131

January 31, 2000

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-559-573-260**

Mr. David Bays  
El Paso Energy Corp.  
614 Reily Ave.  
Farmington, NM 87401

**Re: Renewable Hydrostatic Test Waters Discharge Permit (HBP-NM-002)**

Dear Mr. Bays:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Energy Corporation request dated November 9, 1999 to renew their five (5) year authorization to discharge hydrostatic test waters.

Based on the information and commitments provided, authorization is hereby **approved** with the following conditions:

1. This permit is for testing new pipe only. All used pipe tests must receive specific discharge approval from the OCD prior to testing. Used pipe is defined as any pipe or section of pipe that has had any hydrocarbons in contact with its walls.
2. Only fresh water (preferably less than 2,000 mg/l total dissolved solids) from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in hydrostatic testing.
3. The volume of test water cannot exceed 100,000 gallons. All tests involving more than 100,000 gallons must receive specific authorization from the OCD prior to testing.
4. No test waters will be discharged to any lakes, perennial streams, rivers, or any surface bodies of water or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal.
5. Ground water is not less than 10 feet from the surface at the point of discharge.
6. The Discharge does not impact adjacent property.

7. The discharge does not cause any freshwater supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Section 3103A, B and C of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations.
8. **A report must be filed every twelve months** summarizing all tests of new pipe with less than 100,000 gallons each. The report will be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office and shall contain the following information:
  - A. Location of test - Section, Township and Range
  - B. Date of test.
  - C. Volume of discharge.
  - D. Source of test water.

The request for discharge authorization was submitted pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations and is approved pursuant to that regulation.

This authorization is approved for a period of five (5) years. The authorization will **expire June 26, 2004.**

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve El Paso Energy Corporation of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve El Paso Energy Corporation of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If there are any questions, please call Martyne Kieling at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

RCA/mjk

xc: OCD Hobbs Office  
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February 24, 1994

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-111-334-084**

Mr. James F. George  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
P.O. Box 1492  
El Paso, Texas 79978

**Re: Discharge Authorization of Hydrostatic Test Waters**

Dear Mr. George:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request dated, February 14, 1994, for authorization renewal to discharge hydrostatic test waters.

Based on the information and commitments, authorization is hereby approved with the following conditions:

1. This permit is for testing new pipe only. All used pipe tests must receive specific discharge approval from the OCD prior to testing. Used pipe is defined as any pipe or section of pipe that has had any hydrocarbons in contact with its walls.
2. Only fresh water (preferably less than 2,000 mg/l total dissolved solids) shall be used in hydrostatic testing.
3. The volume of test water cannot exceed 100,000 gallons. All tests involving more than 100,000 gallons must receive authorization from the OCD on a case by case basis.
4. No test waters will be discharged to any lakes, perennial streams, rivers, or any surface bodies of water upon completion of a test.

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5. A report must be filed every year (annually) summarizing the activities and shall contain the following information:
  - A. Location of test - Section. Township, Range
  - B. Date of test.
  - C. Volume of discharge.
  - D. Source of test water.

The approved discharge authorization consists of the original permit dated May 31, 1983 and the renewed authorization dated June 26, 1989.

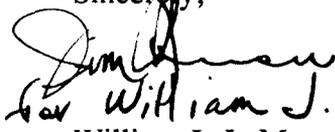
The request for discharge authorization was submitted pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations and is approved pursuant to that regulation.

This authorization is approved for a period of five (5) years. The authorization will expire June 26, 1999.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment actionable under other laws and/or regulations. In addition, the OCD approval does not relieve you of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If there are any questions, please call Chris Eustice at (505) 827-5824.

Sincerely,

  
for William J. LeMay

William J. LeMay  
Director

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xc: OCD Aztec Office  
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July 20, 1989

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-106-675-163

Ms. Kathleen Bowden  
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
P. O. Box 1492  
El Paso, Texas 79978

RE: Discharge Authorization Hydrostatic Test Waters

Dear Ms. Bowden:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request for authorization renewal to discharge hydrostatic test waters of less than 100,000 gallons per test for newly constructed pipelines. The renewal request was submitted pursuant to Section 1-201 of the Water Quality Control Commission Regulations and is hereby approved pursuant to that regulation with the following clarifications:

- A. Fresh water used for each test does not have to be treated to meet drinking water standards.
- B. All test discharges will be to pits, ponds or trenches; no discharges to surface water, or dry or perennial tributaries are authorized.

The approved authorization renewal consists of the original authorization dated May 31, 1983 and the renewal request dated June 26, 1989. Any deviation from the conditions as set forth in your application require approval from the OCD.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

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This request is approved is for a period of five (5) years. The authorization will expire July 19, 1994 and you should submit an application for renewal in ample time before that date.

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay  
Director

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cc: Hobbs District Office  
Artesia District Office  
Farmington District Office