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November 23, 1993

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-111-334-283

Mr. Joe Narvaez, P.E.
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
McKinley County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Narvaez:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated November 23, 1993, for authorization to discharge approximately 11,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a new section of pipeline (385 feet of 24" diameter pipe) at El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) Bluewater Compressor Station in McKinley County, New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in your request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water will be discharged into a lined pit located in Section 33, Township 14 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico.
2. The liquids will be allowed to evaporate in the lined pond.

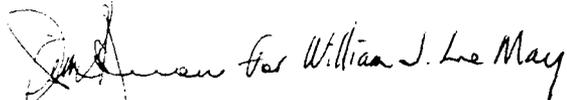
Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

Mr. Joe Narvaez
November 23, 1993
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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, OCD approval does not relieve EPNG of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. LeMay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/cee

xc: OCD Aztec Office



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CERTIFIED MAIL -
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-756-666-896

Mr. W. David Hall, Senior Engineer
El Paso Natural Gas Company
3801 Atrisco Northwest
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120

RE: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge

Dear Mr. Hall:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your application, dated August 5, 1991, requesting authorization to discharge the hydrostatic test water into the pipeline ditch. The 30" used pipeline section to be tested will be washed and rinsed prior to the test with the wash and rinse water disposed of into the lined pond at the Bluewater Station. The test water will be discharged into the open pipeline ditch located in Sections 1 and 2, Township 8 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Cibola County, New Mexico.

Samples of the test water discharge will be obtained from the beginning, middle and end of the dewater. Hay bales will be used to contain any residual oil and/or grease.

The application was submitted pursuant to Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulation 3-106.B and is hereby approved pursuant to that regulation with the following condition:

1. All water discharged from the line will be retained in the ditch with adequate freeboard to prevent overtopping. No fluid will be allowed to be discharged or leaked onto the surrounding terrain.
2. The analyses of the samples will be supplied to the OCD as soon as they are available.

Mr. W. David Hall

August 7, 1991

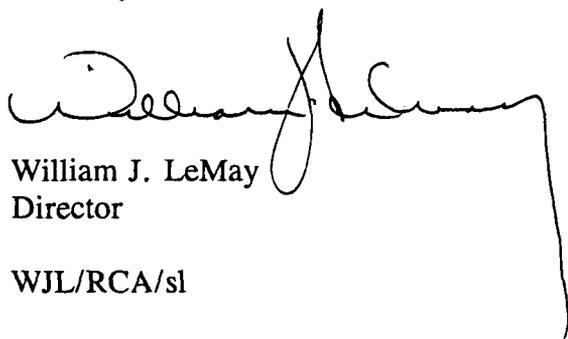
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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If this site is to be used for more than one hydrotest, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

Please be advised that the approval of this plan 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.

If there are any questions, please call Roger Anderson at (505) 827-5884.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. LeMay', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/RCA/sl