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July 2, 1990

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-918-402-286

Mr. Phillip L. Baca, P. E.
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

RE: DISPOSAL OF HYDROTEST WATER

Dear Mr. Baca:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed your application, dated June 12, 1990, requesting authorization to dispose of approximately 220,000 gallons of hydrostatic test wastewater in a lined pit located in the NE/4, Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 15 West, (NMPM) Grant County, New Mexico. The wastewater will be generated from the testing of EPNG's 1004 line in the Deming area.

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 conditions:

1. All water discharged from the line will be retained in the pit with adequate freeboard to prevent overtopping of the berm. No fluid will be allowed to be discharged or leaked onto the surrounding terrain.

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.

Mr. Phillips L. Baca

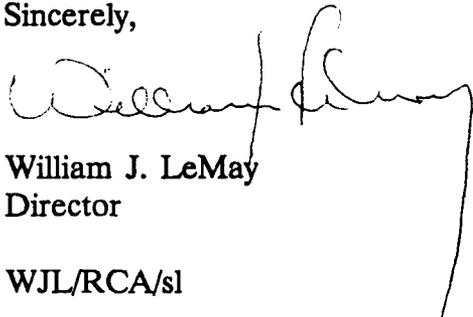
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Please be advised that the approval of this plan does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. LeMay". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/RCA/sl