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**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
(805) 827-7131

July 29, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-565

Mr. Ken Klagett
Mid-America Pipeline Co.
135 E. 9th St. Suite A
Durango, CO 81301

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Permit
Mid-America Pipeline Company
NW/4 of Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, NMPM,
San Juan County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Klagett:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Mid-America Pipeline Company (MAPL) request dated July 27, 1999 and supplemental information provided by phone on July 29, 1998 for authorization to discharge approximately 1,500,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of approximately 28 miles of 16 inch new pipeline at the above referenced locations.

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

1. The test water (1,500,000 gallons) will be discharged into the unlined earthen pit located at Williams Kutz Station, Bloomfield NM in NW/4 of Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico and allowed to evaporate.
2. Only San Juan River water shall be used in the hydrostatic test. Approval to use San Juan River water must be obtained from the appropriate agency prior to testing.
4. At the time of pit closure any solids that accumulate in the pit as a result of the discharge will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the proper means of disposal
5. At the time of pit closure the analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with a request for disposal of the accumulated solids.

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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow MAPL 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.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve MAPL of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve MAPL of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

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

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson
Environmental Bureau Chief

RCA/mjk

xc: OCD Aztec Office

Mr. Steve Nelson, Nelson Consulting Inc., 600 Reilly Ave., Farmington, NM 87402



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July 7, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-460

Mr. Steve Nelson
Nelson Consulting Inc.
7415 East Main
Farmington, NM 87402

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Permit**
Mid-America Pipeline Company
NW/4 of Section 21, Township 26 North, Range 10 West, and
SE/4 of Section 35, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, and
NW/4 of Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, NMPM,
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Mid-America Pipeline Company (MAPL) request dated June 15, 1998 and supplemental information provided by phone on July 2, 1998 for authorization to discharge approximately 622,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of approximately 14 miles of 16 inch new pipeline and 16 miles of 12 inch new pipeline at the above referenced locations. All three discharge locations are outside the vulnerable area.

Based on the information provided in the request, the hydrostatic test water discharges are hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water (622,000 gallons) will be discharged into three unlined pits located in NW/4 of Section 21, Township 26 North, Range 10 West, and the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, and the NW/4 of Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico and allowed to evaporate.
2. Only fresh water of less than 2,000 mg/l total dissolved solids from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in the hydrostatic test.
3. The surface land owner (Bureau of Land Management) shall be notified and provide

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written permission prior to construction of the pits and commencement of the test.

4. Any solids that accumulate in the pit as a result of the discharge will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the proper means of disposal.
5. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with a request for disposal of the accumulated solids.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow MAPL 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.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve MAPL of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve MAPL of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

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

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson
Environmental Bureau Chief

RCA/mjk

xc: OCD Aztec Office



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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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December 4, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-598

Mr. Gary Harkey, Project Manager
Mid-America Pipeline Company
P.O. Box 91327
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199-1327

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge**
12" and 10" New Pipeline
Sandoval County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Harkey:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Mid-America Pipeline Company's (Mid-America) request, dated November 28, 1995, for authorization to discharge approximately 1,500,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new pipeline (12" line). The proposed location for the discharge is the SE/4 of Section 26, Township 23 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Sandoval 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. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.
2. The pipe must be new and never previously used for hydrocarbon transmission.
3. Permission will be obtained from the landowner(s) prior to discharge.
4. The test waters will be discharged to an evaporation/infiltration pond located in the SE/4 of Section 26, Township 23 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico.
5. The test water be discharged through a hay bale filtration structure to prevent erosion.

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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow Mid-America 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.

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

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson
Bureau Chief

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

November 21, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-592

Mr. Gary Harkey, Project Manager
Mid-America Pipeline Company
P.O. Box 91327
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199-1327

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge**
12" New Pipeline
Sandoval County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Harkey:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Mid-America Pipeline Company's (Mid-America) request, dated November 16, 1995, for authorization to discharge approximately 2,000,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new pipeline (12" line). The proposed location for the discharge is the SE/4 of Section 26, Township 23 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Sandoval 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. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.
2. The pipe must be new and never previously used for hydrocarbon transmission.
3. Permission will be obtained from the landowner(s) prior to discharge.
4. The test waters will be discharged to an evaporation/infiltration pond located in the SE/4 of Section 26, Township 23 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico.
5. The test water be discharged through a hay bale filtration structure to prevent erosion.

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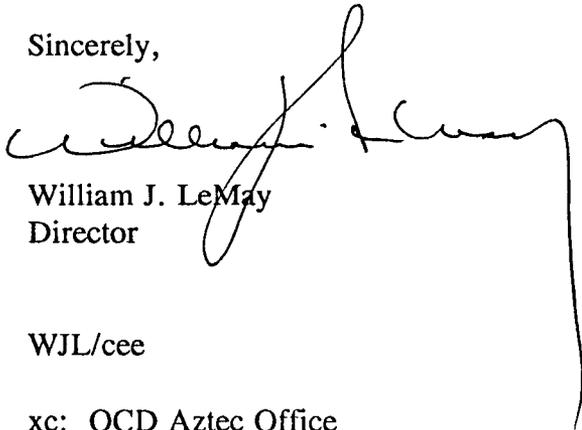
Mr. Gary Harkey
November 21, 1995
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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow Mid-America to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

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

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

Sincerely,

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

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/cee

xc: OCD Aztec Office

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

November 8, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-588

Mr. Gary Harkey, Project Manager
Mid-America Pipeline Company
P.O. Box 91327
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199-1327

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
12" New Pipeline
Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Harkey:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Mid-America Pipeline Company's (Mid-America) request, dated November 2, 1995, for authorization to discharge approximately 1,800,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new pipeline (12" line). The proposed location for the discharge is the NE/4 of Section 21, Township 14 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea 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. Permission will be obtained from the landowner(s) prior to discharge.
2. The test water will be discharged onto the ground after first passing through hay bails to prevent erosion and/or disbursed as irrigation water.
3. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
4. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.

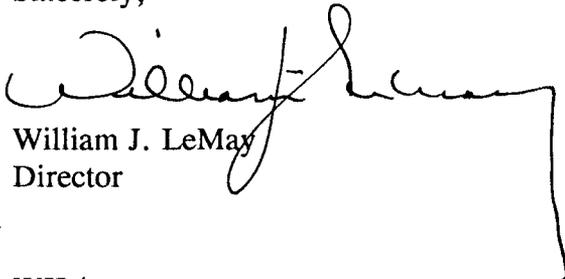
Mr. Gary Harkey
November 8, 1995
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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow Mid-America to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

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

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

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/cee

xc: OCD Aztec Office

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. Pacheco
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November 8, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-587

Mr. Gary Harkey, Project Manager
Mid-America Pipeline Company
P.O. Box 91327
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199-1327

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge**
12" New Pipeline
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Harkey:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Mid-America Pipeline Company's (Mid-America) request, dated November 2, 1995, for authorization to discharge approximately 1,800,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new pipeline (12" line). The proposed location for the discharge is the NW/4 of Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea 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. Permission will be obtained from the landowner(s) prior to discharge.
2. The test water will be discharged onto the ground after first passing through hay bails to prevent erosion and/or disbursed as irrigation water.
3. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
4. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow Mid-America 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

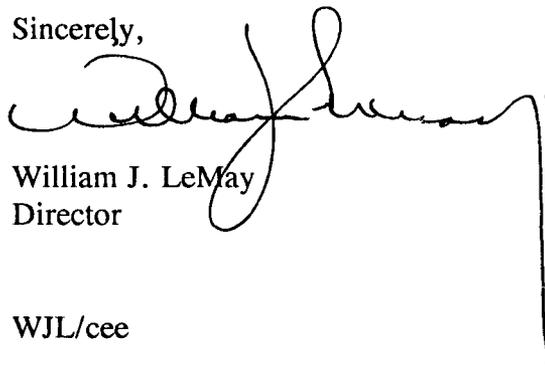
Mr. Gary Harkey
November 8, 1995
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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow Mid-America to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

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

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

Sincerely,

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William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/cee

xc: OCD Aztec Office

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. Pacheco
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October 23, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-574

Mr. Gary Harkey, Project Manager
Mid-America Pipeline Company
P.O. Box 91327
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199-1327

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge**
12" New Pipeline
Sandoval County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Harkey:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Mid-America Pipeline Company's (Mid-America) request, dated October 16, 1995, for authorization to discharge approximately 850,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new pipeline (12" line). The proposed location for the discharge is the SW/4 of Section 15, Township 13 North, Range 4 East, NMPM, Sandoval 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. Permission will be obtained from the landowner(s) prior to discharge.
2. The test water will be discharged onto the ground after first passing thru hay bails to prevent erosion and/or disbursed as irrigation water.
3. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
4. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.

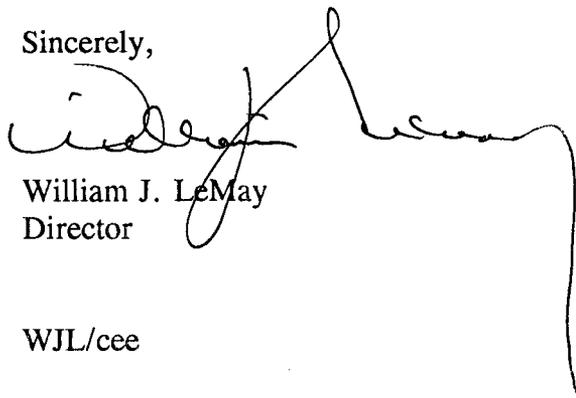
Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow Mid-America to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge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

Mr. Gary Harkey
October 23, 1995
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Please be advised that this approval does not relieve Mid-America of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, the OCD approval does not relieve Mid-America of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

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

Sincerely,

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William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/cee

xc: OCD Aztec Office



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



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October 4, 1994

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-176-012-268

Mr. Joe Cheek, Project Engineer
Mid-America Pipeline Company
P.O. Box 645
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101-0645

Re: **Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge**
4-1/2" Discharge Line
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Cheek:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated August 25, 1994, for authorization to discharge approximately 7,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new pipeline (4-1/2" line) located in Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea 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. Permission will be obtained from the landowner prior to discharge.
2. The test water will be discharged onto the ground after first passing thru hay bails to prevent erosion.
3. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
4. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.

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.

Ms. Joe Cheek
October 4, 1994
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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, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. DeMay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W".

William J. DeMay
Director

WJL/cee

xc: OCD Hobbs Office



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September 12, 1994

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-176-012-258

Mr. Joseph L. Cheek
Mid-America Pipeline Company
P.O. Box 645
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101-0645

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

Dear Mr. Cheek:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated August 22, 1994, for authorization to discharge approximately 56,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic testing of a section of used pipeline (4-1/2") located near Hobbs, 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 is non-exempt from federal RCRA regulations and may be subject to characterization testing and/or further state regulatory demands.
2. The Railroad Commission of Texas will need to be contacted because your transporting a regulated waste for disposal in Texas. For further information contact:

Joe Rodriguez
Texas Railroad Commission, Environmental Services
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
(505) 463-6799

Mr. Joseph Cheek
September 12, 1994
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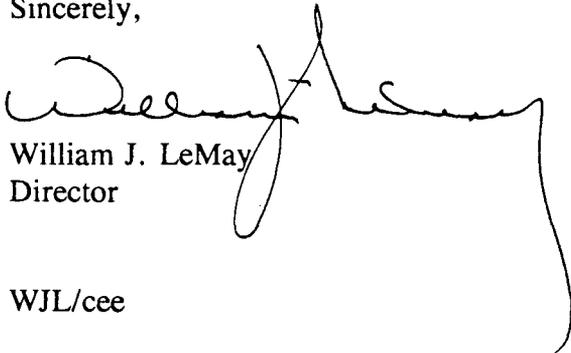
3. Any solids that accumulate in the frac tanks will be subject to full characterization testing and must be presented to the OCD along with your request for disposal of these solids.

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

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.

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

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/cee

xc: OCD Hobbs Office
Jerry Sexton
Wayne Price

cc: Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Texas Railroad Commission
Oil and Gas Division - Environmental Services

RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION (W/CHRIS EUSTICE)

Date: 9-9-94 Time: 1130 AM
RE: Hydrostatic Dis Testwater discharge request
Name: Mid-America Pipeline Co (MAPC)
Company: Joe Cheeks

In a discharge request dated 8-22-94
Joe Cheeks wanted to ~~use~~ discharge
the test water onto the ground despite
the fact the pipe was used.

I told him we would not allow this
without full characterization and
providing the OED w/ the analytical results
and request for disposal.

He wanted to then go to a SWD.
I said "no".

He then said "We will store the test waters
in frac tanks pending full characterizations
of the waste."

Comments/Followup:

I gave a verbal go ahead to be
followed w/ a letter of approval
w/ conditions

RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION (W/CHRIS EUSTICE)

Date: _____ Time: 430

RE: MARC

Name: Joe Cheeks

Company: Gaines

Hobbs Station

17 mi W Seminole Hwy 180

lined pit 3.5 mi N

Comments/Followup: _____

