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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505  
(505) 827-7131

August 17, 1998

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-357-870-011**

Ms. Jean Arya  
Public Service Company of New Mexico  
Alvarado Square MS 0408  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87158

**RE: HYDROSTATIC TEST WATER DISCHARGE  
VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Ms. Arya:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Public Service Company of New Mexico's (PNM) request, dated July 31, 1998, for authorization to discharge approximately 268,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of new unused 12 inch diameter pipe in Section 13, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico.

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

1. Hydrostatic test waters will be discharged as follows:
  - a. approximately 186,000 gallons into a pre-established evaporation pond whose landowner has provided permission for such discharge, and
  - b. approximately 80,000 gallons will be discharged into a previously used portion of the pipeline for later hydrostatic testing.
2. The pipe must be new and never previously used.
3. Fresh water will be used for the test.
4. No discharged fluids will be allowed to enter a water of the U.S.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3106.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.

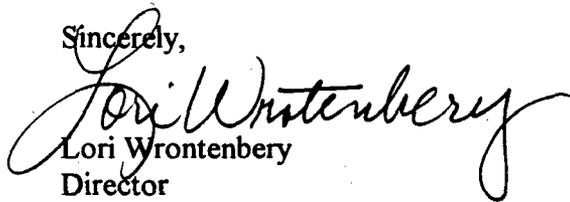
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Please be advised that this approval does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment actionable under other laws and/or regulations. In addition, OCD approval does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

If there are any questions, please contact W. Jack Ford at (505) 827-7156.

Sincerely,



Lori Wrontenbery  
Director

LW/wjf

cc: OCD Santa Fe Office

**Ford, Jack**

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**From:** Ford, Jack  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 1998 11:02 AM  
**To:** 'jarya@mail.pnm.com'  
**Subject:** Hydrostatic test water discharge

Ms. Jean Arya  
PNM  
Albuquerque, NM

This is a notice of approval for discharge of hydrostatic test waters to be used on new pipeline pipe in Section 13-T5N-R1E.

Based on the information provided in our telephone discussion of this date this approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Hydrostatic test waters will be discharged:
  - a. approximately 186,000 gallons into a pre-established evaporation pond  
whose landowner has provided permission for such discharge, and
  - b. approximately 88,000 gallons will be discharged into a previously used portion  
of the pipeline for later hydrostatic testing.
2. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
3. Fresh water will be used for the test.
4. All discharged fluids will not be allowed to enter a water of the U.S.

A formal hard copy of this approval will follow.

Sincerely,  
W. Jack Ford, C.P.G.  
Oil Conservation Division