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RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-667-241-870

Ms. Paula McAfee
Staff Engineer
Gas Company of New Mexico
P.O. Box 26400
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
Lea-Eddy County Mainline Replacement Project
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. McAfee:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated September 10, 1992, for authorization to discharge in excess of 155,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of Gas Company of New Mexico's (GCNM) Lea-Eddy Mainline replacement project in Eddy County, New Mexico. The hydrostatic test will include the approximately 20 miles of new 12-inch pipe which will replace the existing 5-inch Lea-Eddy Mainline.

The pipeline to be tested is new and will not be washed prior to introduction of test water. The test water will be from a potable water source provided by Ferguson Construction Company of Lovington, New Mexico. The water will be discharged to one of the two proposed discharge locations which are 1) GCNM right of way survey location 900+00 on lands administered by the State of New Mexico, or 2) GCNM right of way survey location 1161+24 on lands administered by the US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Both the State of New Mexico and BLM have approved the discharge of hydrostatic waters onto their lands, both being located in Section 4, Township 28 East, Range 17 South, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in your request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved with the following condition:

None of the water discharged will reach a "waters of the United States".

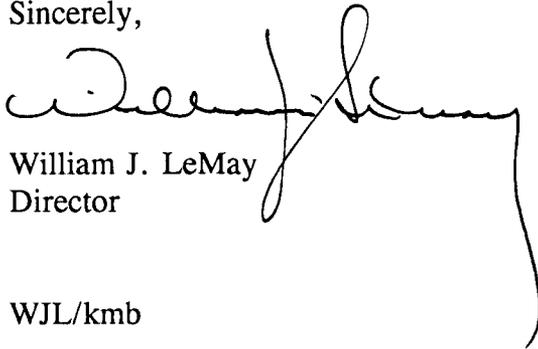
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Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. LeMay', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then loops back down.

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/kmb

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