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May 1, 2003

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**Oil Conservation Division**

Mr. Mark A. Bishop  
Conoco, Inc.  
921 W. Sanger  
Hobbs, NM 88240

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge HI-086**  
**Location, Sections 29, 32 and 33 of T 18 S, R 31 E, and Section 4, T 19 S, R 31 E**  
**NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Bishop:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received ConocoPhillips Midstream request, dated April 22, 2003, for authorization to discharge approximately 5,213 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of approximately 7,88 feet of used gathering system pipeline (4-inch steel line) located in Sections 29, 32 and 33 of T 18 S, R 31 E, and Section 4, T 19 S, R 31 E NMPM, Lea 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. The test water (5,213 gallons) will be held in tanks and trucked to the Loco Hills SWD facility for disposal.
2. Only fresh water of less than 1,000 mg/l total dissolved solids from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in the hydrostatic test.
3. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3106.B, this approval will allow ConocoPhillips Midstream to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3114 an application fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) is due at the time of the permit application submittal and a temporary permission permit fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) is due upon receipt of this approval. The \$100 application fee and \$150 temporary permission fee have not yet been received. 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 ConocoPhillips Midstream of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve ConocoPhillips Midstream of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Martyne Kieling at (505) 476-3488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger C. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

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