

GW - 232

**PERMITS,
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Application**

ATTACHMENT TO THE DISCHARGE PLAN RENEWAL GW-232
EL PASO NATURAL GAS CO.
EPNG TRUNK A COMPRESSOR STATION
DISCHARGE PLAN APPROVAL CONDITIONS
June 11, 2001

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17. Conditions accepted by: El Paso Natural Gas Co., by the officer whose signature appears below, accepts this permit and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions contained herein. El Paso Natural Gas Co. further acknowledges that these conditions and requirements of this permit may be changed administratively by the Division for good cause shown as necessary to protect fresh water, human health and the environment.

El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Print Name: K. Courtney Ragsdale

Signature: K. Courtney Ragsdale

Title: Lead Operations Specialist

Date: 6-18-2001



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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June 11, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 5357-6822

Mr. David Bays
El Paso Natural Gas Co.
614 Reilly Avenue
Farmington, NM 87401

RE: Discharge Plan Renewal GW-232
El Paso Natural Gas Co.
EPNG Trunk A Compressor Station
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bays

The ground water discharge plan renewal application GW-232 for the El Paso Natural Gas Co. EPNG Trunk A Compressor Station located in the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, **is hereby approved** under the conditions contained in the enclosed attachment. Enclosed are two copies of the conditions of approval. **Please sign and return one copy to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) Santa Fe office within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. Please note new mailing address below.**

The original discharge plan application was submitted on December 6, 1995 and approved February 5, 1996. The discharge plan renewal application letter, dated March 12, 2001, submitted pursuant to Section 3106 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations also includes all earlier applications and all conditions later placed on those approvals. The discharge plan is renewed pursuant to Section 3109.C. Please note Section 3109.G, which provides for possible future amendment of the plan. Please be advised that approval of this plan does not relieve El Paso Natural Gas Co. of responsibility should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does it relieve El Paso Natural Gas Co. of its responsibility to comply with any other governmental authority's rules and regulations.

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Please note that Section 3104 of the regulations requires that "When a plan has been approved, discharges must be consistent with the terms and conditions of the plan." Pursuant to Section 3107.C, El Paso Natural Gas Co. is required to notify the Director of any facility expansion, production increase or process modification that would result in any change in the discharge of water quality or volume.

Pursuant to Section 3109.H.4, this renewal plan is for a period of five years. This renewal will expire on February 5, 2006, and El Paso Natural Gas Co. should submit an application in ample time before this date. Note that under Section 3106.F of the regulations, if a discharger submits a discharge plan renewal application at least 120 days before the discharge plan expires and is in compliance with the approved plan, then the existing discharge plan will not expire until the application for renewal has been approved or disapproved

The discharge plan renewal application for the El Paso Natural Gas Co. EPNG Trunk A Compressor Station is subject to WQCC Regulation 3114. Every billable facility submitting a discharge plan application will be assessed a filing fee of \$50.00. The OCD has no record of receiving the filing fee for this renewal. There is also a flat fee for renewal of discharge plans for compressor stations with less than 1,000 horsepower of \$400. Please remit both the filing fee and the flat fee upon receipt of this renewal approval.

On behalf of the staff of the OCD, I wish to thank you and your staff for your cooperation during this discharge plan review.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson
Chief, Environmental Bureau
Oil Conservation Division

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Attachment

Xc: OCD Artesia Office

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City, State, ZIP+4	
FARMINGTON, NM 87401	
PS Form 3800, May 2000	
See Reverse for Instructions	

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El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT TO THE DISCHARGE PLAN GW-232 APPROVAL
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY
TRUNK "A" COMPRESSOR STATION
DISCHARGE PLAN REQUIREMENTS
(February 5, 1996)

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David Bay
Company Representative

Feb. 23, 1996
Date

Sr. Environmental Scientist
Title



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. PACHECO
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505
(505) 827-7131

February 5, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-765-962-610

Mr. David Bays
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 4990
Farmington, New Mexico 87499

**Re: Discharge Plan (GW-232)
Trunk "A" Compressor Station
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Bays:

The groundwater discharge plan (GW-232) for the El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) Trunk "A" Compressor Station located in the W/2 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico **is hereby approved** under the conditions contained in the enclosed attachment. The discharge plan consists of the application dated December 6, 1995. Enclosed are two copies of the conditions of approval. **Please sign and return one copy to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) Santa Fe Office** within five working days of receipt of this letter.

The discharge plan was submitted pursuant to Section 3106 of the Water Quality Control Commission Regulations. It is approved pursuant to Section 3109.A.. Please note Section 3109.F., which provides for possible future amendment of the plan. Please be advised that approval of this plan does not relieve EPNG of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment.

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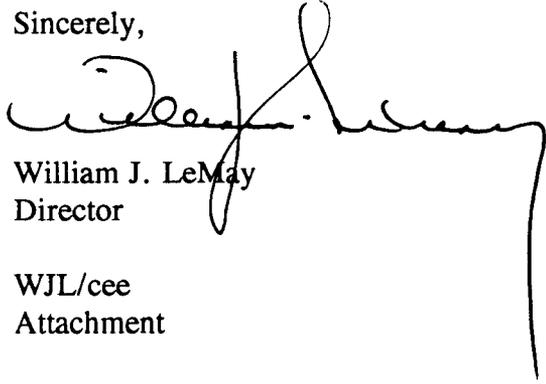
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The discharge plan application for the EPNG's Trunk "A" Compressor Station is subject to the WQCC Regulation 3114 discharge plan fee. Every billable facility submitting a discharge plan will be assessed a fee equal to the filing fee of fifty (50) dollars and a flat rate fee. There is no flat fee for a compressor facility with less than 1000 horsepower (site rated).

The OCD has received the fifty dollar filing fee.

On behalf of the staff of the Oil Conservation Division, I wish to thank you and your staff for their cooperation during this discharge plan review.

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay
Director

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