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RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-667-242-201

Mr. Martin A. Fong
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El Paso Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

RE: FLORIDA COMPRESSOR STATION PIT CLOSURES

Dear Mr. Fong:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of the El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) November 17, 1994 "EL PASO NATURAL GAS (EPNG) COMPANY REQUESTS APPROVAL OF POND CLOSURE PLAN FOR INACTIVE TURBINE BLOWDOWN PONDS AT EPNG'S FLORIDA COMPRESSOR STATION, LUNA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO." This document provides analytic results of potential contaminants for two unlined turbine blowdown pits at EPNG's Florida compressor station and the methods proposed for pit closure.

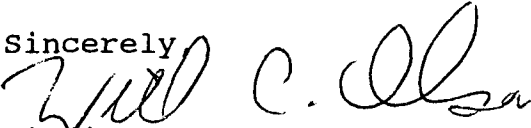
The above closure plan is approved with the following condition.

1. Upon completion of closure actions, EPNG will submit to the OCD a completed OCD "Pit Remediation and Closure Report" form (attached).

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve EPNG of liability should remaining contaminants result in contamination of surface waters or ground waters or should contaminants be found to exist which are beyond the scope of the work plan. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPNG of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state and local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,


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