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**RETURN RECEIPT NO: 7000-1670-0012-5357-8192**

Ms. Nina Hutton  
XTO Energy, Inc.  
810 Houston St., Suite 2000  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6298

**RE: CASE #3R0134**  
**VALDEZ A#1E WELL SITE**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Ms. Hutton:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed XTO Energy, Inc.'s (XTO) July 26, 2001 "XTO ENERGY INC., REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT OF GROUNDWATER MONITOR WELLS, VALDEZ A 1E, (G) SEC. 24 - T29N - R11W, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO" which was submitted on behalf of XTO by their consultant Blagg Engineering, Inc. This document contains XTO's request to close monitor wells MW-2, MW-4 and MW-5 at the Valdez A#1E well site to facilitate surface use of the land for farming by the landowner. The request is based upon 4 consecutive ground water sampling events from each well where contaminant concentrations were below New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) ground water standards.

The above-referenced request is approved. Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve XTO of responsibility if the monitor well network fails to adequately monitor contamination related to XTO's activities. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve XTO of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, tribal or local laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3491.

Sincerely,

William C. Olson  
Hydrologist  
Environmental Bureau

xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office  
Jeff Blagg, Blagg Engineering, Inc.