

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:18 AM  
**To:** 'Blythe, Amy M (Amy)'  
**Cc:** Palmer, David P (Dave); Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD; Ochoa Vidales, Cesar G; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD; White, Deborah A (Deb) (Contractor); King, Allen E  
**Subject:** RE: El Paso Natural Gas - Line No. 1100 Spike Hydrotest - Segment 5 release site - depth to groundwater . . .

RE: EPNG/Kinder Morgan \* Line 1100 Segment 5 \* **2RP-4499** \* DOR: 11/07/2017

Amy,

Your request to backfill at the above referenced release site is approved, with the following:

- It is OCD's understanding that water in the excavation that EPNG ran analysis on, was the hydrostatic test water. If this water infiltrated into the excavation from possibly a shallow, naturally occurring source of ground water, please advise. You may go ahead and backfill the excavation, but OCD will request additional investigation into this water/water source prior to closing out the incident.
- Please forward this correspondence to Mr. Ashby w/BLM, as like approval from BLM will be required for federal sites.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me, Jim Griswold, or Crystal Weaver.

Thank you,

Mike Bratcher  
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**OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.**

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**From:** Blythe, Amy M (Amy) [mailto:Amy\_Blythe@kindermorgan.com]  
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**Subject:** El Paso Natural Gas - Line No. 1100 Spike Hydrotest - Segment 5 release site - depth to groundwater . . .

Dear Mike,

My colleague, Dave Palmer, did some research regarding the depth to groundwater. He was unable to find any groundwater records near the Hidalgo County/Lordsburg area on the USGS government database. The only historical information he could find was pre-1980, which showed the estimated depth to water in the Lordsburg area at around 150 ft.

Thanks so much,  
Amy

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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD [<mailto:mike.bratcher@state.nm.us>]  
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**Subject:** RE: El Paso Natural Gas - Line No. 1100 Spike Hydrotest - Segment 5 release - Request to backfill

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Amy,

The NMOCD tracking number for this event (Date of Occurrence: 11/7/2017) is **2RP-4499**. A couple of questions: Were the water samples obtained from the hydrostatic test water? Do you know what the depth to ground water is for that area? Do you have a contact person with the BLM for this event?

Thank you,

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**Subject:** El Paso Natural Gas - Line No. 1100 Spike Hydrotest - Segment 5 release - Request to backfill  
**Importance:** High

Dear Folks,

EPNG submitted the Form C-141 regarding a hydrostatic test leak on Segment 5 of the Line 1100 Hydrostatic Test Project on 11/20/2017. Included in the submittal was the soil and water analytical results. (I have not received an OCD Tracking number for this event as of this date). This site is located on BLM lands.

We have successfully completed the hydrostatic testing of Segment 5 and **need to backfill** the pipe repair site.

Please review the analytical sampling report and provide concurrence that we may proceed with final backfill and restoration.

Thanks so much,

Amy

**KINDER MORGAN**

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