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April 25, 2007

Mr. Clayton Roesler  
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Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, LLC  
P.O. Box 2521  
Houston, Texas 77252-2521

**Re: Annual Temporary Permission To Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water HBP-NM-020**

Dear Mr. Roesler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, LLC's (TEPPCO) request, dated April 11, 2007, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in the request, **annual temporary permission is hereby granted** for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period when the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
3. oral or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur:
  - a. where ground water is less than 10 feet below ground surface.
  - b. within 200 feet of a watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake;
  - c. within an existing wellhead protection area;
  - d. within, or within 500 feet of a wetland; or
  - e. within 500 feet from the nearest permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church;

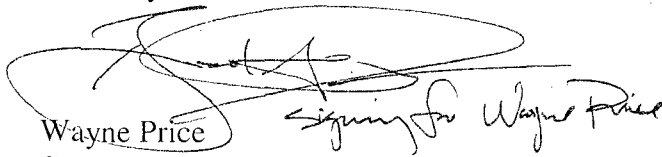
6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
7. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
8. the landowner(s) of each proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location must be properly notified of the activities prior to each proposed hydrostatic test event; and
9. an annual report, summarizing all tests of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to the OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
  - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
  - b. the date of each test;
  - c. the volume of each discharge; and
  - d. the source and quality of test water (laboratory analysis, if necessary).

Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire April 25, 2008.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of the permit.

This approval does not relieve TEPPCO of responsibility should its operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve TEPPCO of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Brad A. Jones at (505) 476-3487 or [brad.a.jones@state.nm.us](mailto:brad.a.jones@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

  
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Environmental Bureau Chief

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cc: OCD District IV Office, Santa Fe, NM