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NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
(505) 827-7131

October 28, 1998

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-475**

Mr. David Flaim  
TransColorado Gas Transmission Company  
P.O. Box 45360  
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0360

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge  
New Pipeline  
SE/4 of Section 14, Township 32 North, Range 12 West, NMPM,  
San Juan County, New Mexico.**

Dear Mr. Flaim:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the TransColorado Gas Transmission Company (TCGT) request, dated August 5, 1998, for authorization to discharge approximately 1,500,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a section of new pipeline. The proposed location for the discharge is into an unlined evaporation/infiltration pond located in SE/4 of Section 14, Township 32 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. (24" pipe)

The location as indicated on the map submitted shows the pond location to be just outside of the vulnerable area (see attached map). Based on this location and on the information provided in your request, the **hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved** subject to the following conditions:

1. Permission will be obtained from the landowner(s) prior to discharge.
2. The test water will be discharged in a manner to prevent erosion.
3. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.
4. Fresh water will be used to conduct the test.
5. Evaporation/infiltration pond is outside the vulnerable area.
6. No discharged fluids will be allowed to enter a water of the U.S.

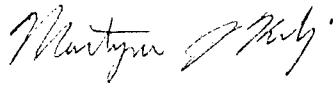
Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow TCGT to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more

than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve TCGT of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve TCGT of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If there are any questions, please call Martyne Kieling at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,



Martyne J. Kieling  
Environmental Geologist

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Discharge Location

