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April 30, 2001

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7099-3220-0000-5051-2252**

Mr. Tom J. Martinez  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
3300 North A Street, Suite 200  
Midland, TX 79705

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge HI-067**  
**Lines 1110, 1103 & 1100**  
**Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) request, dated April 25, 2001, for authorization to discharge approximately 200,000 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of approximately 1.25 miles of used pipeline (30-inch line, No. 1110, 1103 and 26-inch line No. 1100) in Eddy County, New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in the request, including the analytical results from the filtered hydrostatic test water, the hydrostatic test water discharge is **hereby approved** subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water (200,000 gallons) will be held in FRAC tanks located at the EPNG's Pecos River Station located in NE/4 Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico
2. The filtered hydrostatic test water may be discharged along the pipeline right of way an onto EPNG property for dust suppression purposes.
3. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow EPNG 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.

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Please be advised that this approval does not relieve EPNG of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EPNG of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Martyne Kieling at (505) 476-3488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger C. Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

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