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November 29, 1993

Ms. Anu Pundari Sr. Compliance Engineer El Paso Natural Gas Company PO Box 4990 Farmington, NM 87499

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico

Dudley Cornell A-1E, G-01-29N-12W (Dehy pit) Warren Fed #2E, G-35-25N-06W (Dehy pit)

Pederal Com A #4, M-35-25N-06W (Dehy pit)

Dear Ms. Pundari:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that <u>all pits</u> and open tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered.

Field inspections conducted by Charles Gholson/NMOCD and Jackie Neckels/BLM on March 22 and August 19, 1993 revealed that the above mentioned pits contained water and hydrocarbons. In order for these pits to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all fluid or properly net these pits by December 29, 1993.

If you have any questions please feel free to call this office.

Sincerely,

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Dianna K. Fairhurst Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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Jackie Neckels - BLM Farmington