

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE



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December 20, 1993

Ms. Susan M. Linert
Production Superintendent
Kimbell Oil Company of Texas
PO Box 1097
Farmington, NM 87499

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
Federal Com A #4, M-35-25N-06W (Drip pit)

Dear Ms. Linert:

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

Field inspections conducted on August 19, 1993 by Jackie Neckels from the BLM revealed that the above mentioned pit contained a small amount of hydrocarbon. In order for this pit to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all fluid or properly net this pit by January 20, 1994. This letter was originally sent to EPNG on November 29, 1993. On December 10, 1993 EPNG informed us that Kimbell was the owner of this drip pit. I have enclosed copies of both letters for your review.

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

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

xc: C-134 File
Well File
Jackie Neckels - BLM Farmington

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P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

DISTRICT II
P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Permit No. _____
(For Division Use Only)

**APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO DIVISION ORDER R-8952
FOR PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS Rule 8(b), Rule 105(b), Rule 312(h), Rule 313, or Rule 711(I)**

Operator Name: El Paso Natural Gas Company

Operator Address: P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978

Lease or Facility Name Federal Com A#4 (drip pit) Location M 35 25 6

Size of pit or tank: 12' x 12' Ut. Ltr. Sec. Twp. Rge

Operator requests exception from the requirement to screen, net or cover the pit or tank at the above-described facility.

☒ The pit or tank is not hazardous to migratory waterfowl. Describe completely the reason pit is non-hazardous.

Under normal operating conditions this pit would not contain oil and thus would not constitute a water fowl hazard. Furthermore, the size of the pit and fencing is a deterrent to waterfowl landing in the pit.

1) If any oil or hydrocarbons should reach this facility give method and time required for removal:

In 72 hours from discovery oil should be removed. Operators discharging to El Paso' pit have also been advised of compliance requirements.

2) If any oil or hydrocarbons reach the above-described facility the operator is required to notify the appropriate District Office of the OCD with 24 hours.

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Operator proposes the following alternate protective measures: _____

CERTIFICATION BY OPERATOR: I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Kenneth E. Beasley Title Mgr., Compliance Engr. Date 09-12-89

Printed Name Kenneth E. Beasley, IV Telephone No. 915) 541-2146

FOR OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION USE

Date Facility Inspected 8/19/93

Inspected by JACKIE NECKELS/BLM

Approved by _____

Title _____

Date _____

NOT APPROVED-

CONTAINS A SMALL AMOUNT OF
HYDROCARBONS - NO NET



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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)
Federal Com A #4, M-35-25N-06W (Drip 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 all pits 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,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87499

December 10, 1993

Ms. Dianna K. Fairhurst
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Aztec, N.M. 87410

Subject : Pits in Northwestern New Mexico - Letter dated 11/22, 11/23, and 11/29

Dear Ms. Fairhurst:

El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) properly removed fluid and properly netted the pits at the following locations.

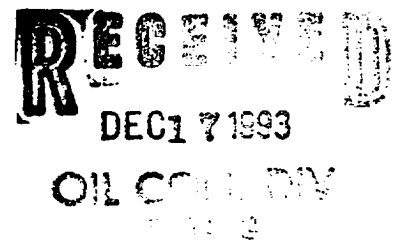
- Warren Fed #2E ✓
- Warren G35 #2 ✓
- Warren G35 #1 ✓
- Lucerne Federal #1 ✓
- Dudley Cornell A-1E ✓

There are two pits on the Marcotte Gas Com #1-A. The EPNG pit is clean and dry. The producer, Amaco, owns the other pit. The producer, Kimbell Oil, owns the Federal Com A #4 drip assembly and pit.

If you have any questions, please call me at 599-2176.

Sincerely,

Anu Pundari
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Sr. Compliance Engineer



cc: Mr. David Hall (EPNG)
Mr. Denny Foust (NMOCD)