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November 22, 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

Warren G 35 #2, I-35-25N-06W (Drip pit) Warren G 35 #1, K-35-25N-06W (Drip pit) Marcotte Gas Com #1-A (Dehydrator 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.

On August 19 and September 10, 1993 field inspections conducted by Jackie Neckels from the BLM and Denny Foust revealed that the above mentioned pits contained 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 22, 1993.

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

Sincerely,

Suama K. Jackwest

Dianna K. Fairhurst Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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Jackie Neckels - BLM Farmington