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August 9, 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

(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 July 27, 1993 field inspections I conducted revealed that the above mentioned pit was 1/2 full of oil. In order for this pit to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all fluid or properly net this pit by September 9, 1993.

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

Sincerely,

Diamo K. Jawhurst

Dianna K. Fairhurst Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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