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**TEMPORARY
PERMISSION**



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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January 18, 2007

Mr. Larry Campbell
Division Environmental Specialist
Transwestern Pipeline Company
6381 North Main Street
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge - Temporary Permission
Transwestern Pipeline Company
Roswell, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Campbell:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Transwestern Pipeline Company's request, dated January 18, 2007, for temporary permission to generate approximately 53,000 gallons of wastewater from a hydrostatic test of new pipeline and discharge the wastewater within the existing easement right of right. The discharge will occur at the following coordinates: N 33.41.038 and W 104.19.133, approximately 7 miles north of Roswell, New Mexico.

Based on the information provided in the request, **temporary permission is hereby granted** for the disposal of the hydrostatic test water generated from the new pipeline test with the following understandings and conditions:

1. the discharge will occur at the following coordinates: N 33.41.038 and W 104.19.133;
2. the source of the hydrostatic test water will be obtained from a municipal/public water supply;
3. approximately 53,000 gallons of hydrostatic test water generated from the test will be discharged within the existing easement right of right;
4. no hydrostatic test water generated from the test will be discharged to groundwater or be allowed to exit the right of way;
5. the discharge will occur approximately 800 feet west and away from the Pecos River with a topography trending to the west to ensure that the discharge will not enter the Pecos River;
6. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;

7. no discharge shall occur:
 - i. where ground water is less than 10 feet below ground surface.
 - ii. within 200 feet of a watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake;
 - iii. within an existing wellhead protection area;
 - iv. within, or within 500 feet of a wetland; or
 - v. within 500 feet from the nearest permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church;
8. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
9. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
10. the landowner(s) of the proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location must be properly notified of the activities prior to the proposed hydrostatic test event; and
11. Transwestern Pipeline Company shall report all unauthorized discharges, spills, leaks and releases of hydrostatic test water and conduct corrective action pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20.5.12.1203 NMAC and OCD Rule 116 (19.15.3.116 NMAC).

It is understood that the hydrostatic test will occur sometime during the period of January 20, 2007 through January 22, 2007. **This temporary permission will expire in 120 days.**

This approval does not relieve Transwestern Pipeline Company of responsibility should its operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Transwestern Pipeline Company of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Brad A. Jones at (505) 476-3487 or brad.a.jones@state.nm.us. On behalf of the staff of the OCD, I wish to thank you and your staff for your cooperation during this discharge permit review.

Sincerely,



Wayne Price
Environmental Bureau Chief

LWP/baj

cc: OCD District II Office, Artesia, NM

January 18, 2007

UPS Tracking No.

Mr. Brad Jones
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Re: Transwestern Pipeline Company, Notice of Intent and Temporary Permission,
Request, Hydrostatic Test Water Dewatering Activity, Pecos River Pipeline
Crossing

Dear Mr. Jones:

By this letter, Transwestern Pipeline Company is requesting temporary permissions to discharge test water generated from a hydrostatic test of a replacement pipeline which will be located under the Pecos River in Chaves County, New Mexico. The discharge is tentatively scheduled for January 21, 2007.

This discharge is scheduled to occur at the following coordinates: N 33.41.038 and W 104.19.133. A site map accompanies this letter request. Transwestern will conduct this discharge activity from new pipe and water received from the City of Roswell, New Mexico. The volume of discharge is approximately 53,070 gallons. Transwestern proposes to confine all discharges to its existing right of way (ROW). The discharge water will be collected into frac tanks and released onto plastic and then filtered through hay bales prior to discharging into the right of way corridor surface. Soil berms have been constructed on both sides of the ROW corridor to ensure that the discharge remains within the corridor area. At no time will be discharge water be allowed to exit the right of way.

This siting criteria for the discharge is as follows:

- a. the discharge will occur approximately 800 feet west and away from the Pecos River with a topography trending to the west to ensure that the discharge will not enter the River
- b. the discharge will not occur within an existing wellhead protection area or 100 year floodplain
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- d. the discharge will not occur overlying a subsurface mine

- e. discharge will occur within 500 feet of a residence, school, hospital, institution or church

The total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration of the groundwater of the Pecos River is approximately 7777 mg/l (R. Gallegos N.M. State Engineers office, personal communication). The landowner is:

Mr. Clint Lynch
HCR-31
Box 1328
Roswell, NM 88201.

Mr. Lynch has been contacted and given his approval for the discharge to occur (see attached email).

Disposal of any entrapped rust or sediments collected from the discharge will be disposed of at an approved OCD disposal location.

Due to the short time frame of this activity, your favorable consideration and approval is requested for this temporary permission request. Should you require additional information concerning this activity, contact the undersigned at our Roswell Technical Operations office at (505) 625-8022.

Sincerely,

Larry Campbell
Division Environmental Specialist
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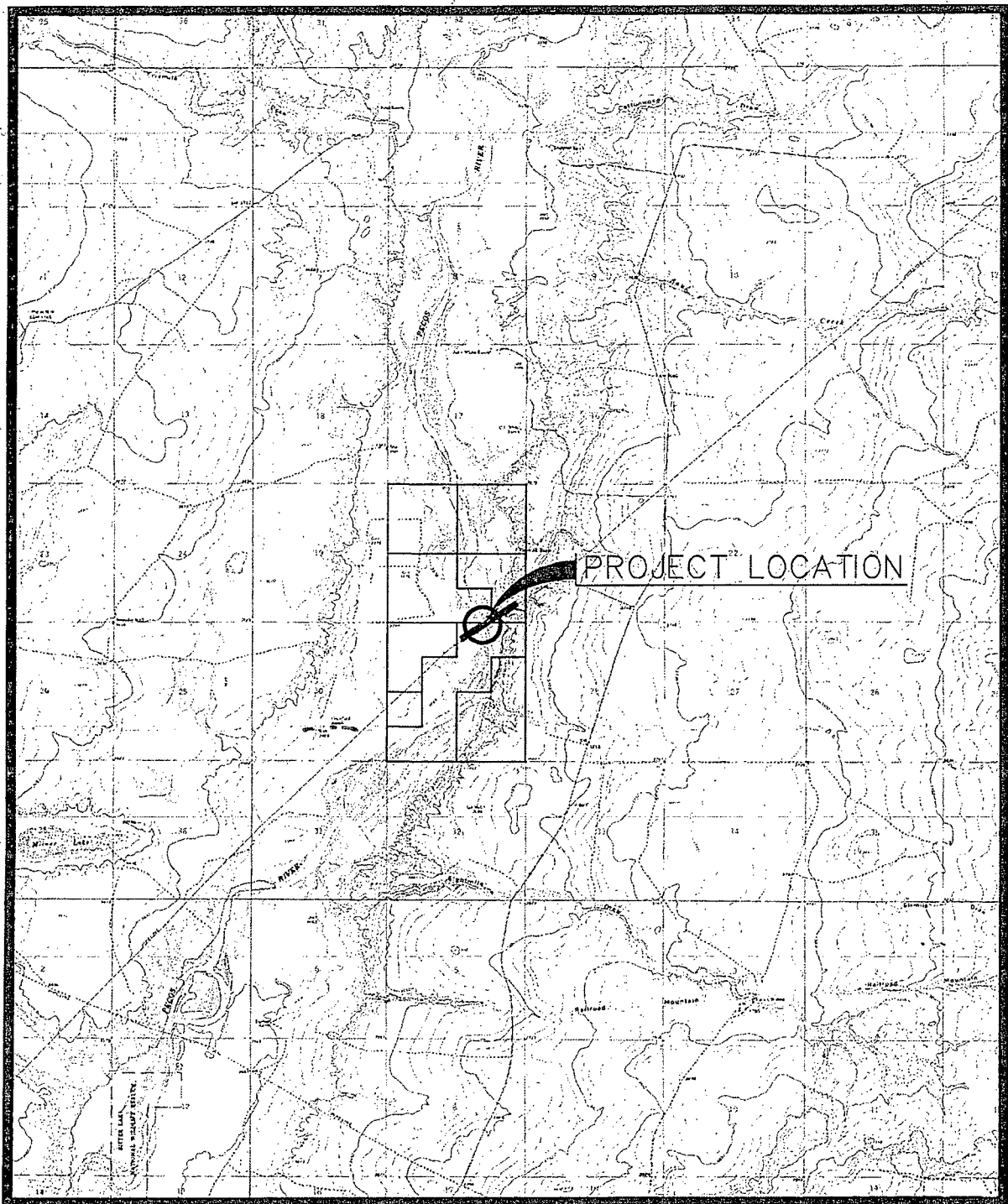
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TRANSWESTERN 24" PIPELINE
PECOS-RIVER CROSSING
PROJECT LOCATION MAP
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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HOUSTON, TX

TRANWESTERN

SCALE 1"=6000'	DWG NO. 0605-T-201	REV. 0	DWN RER	CHK'D RF	APPR'D MS	JOB 39910605
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Campbell, Larry

From: Westbrook, Roger
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 12:19 PM
To: Campbell, Larry
Cc: Chanley, Earl
Subject: Hydrotest discharge water-PH Lat Pecos River Crossing

Larry, I talked to Mr. Lynch and he did not have a problem with discharging the test water as long as it is fresh water, onto his land.

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