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September 9, 1994

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-176-012-255

Mr. Larry E. Graves Arco Pipe Line Company P.O. Box 1190 Midland, Texas 79702

Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Graves:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your request, dated August 24, 1994, for authorization to discharge approximately 1,005 gallons of waste water from the hydrostatic test of a 670 foot section of new pipeline near Hobbs, New Mexico covering Sections 11 and 12 of Township 19 South, Range 38 East, NMPM.

Based on the information provided in your request, the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The test water will be discharged into the partially backfilled excavation ditch to allow for safe settling of the pipe.
- 2. The pipe must be new and never previously used for oil and/or gas transmission.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 3-106.B, this approval will allow you to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. If the site is to be used for more than one test discharge, formal reapplication must be made. If the discharge exceeds 120 days, a formal discharge plan must be submitted for review.

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Please be advised that this approval does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Chris Eustice at (505) 827-5824.

Sincerely, William J. LeM Director

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xc: OCD Hobbs Office, Jerry Sexton OCD Hobbs Office, Wayne Price