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Reference: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge

Mr. Chris Eustice
Environmental Geologist
New Mexico Oil & Gas Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Mr. Eustice:

As discussed in our phone conversation on January 12, 1996, Exxon requests approval to drain fresh hydrotest water into the ditches where the flowlines will be buried after hydrotesting. We have confirmed with the Bureau of Land Management in Carlsbad that their approval is not required for this activity.

Exxon is implementing an enhanced oil recovery project in the Avalon (Delaware) Unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. The project includes a waterflood injection plant and fiberglass injection lines to distribute the water to the injection wells. The injection distribution system will be made up of approximately 45,000 feet of buried high pressure fiberglass pipe, ranging in diameter from two to six inches.

The contractor is required to ditch, install, and hydrotest the fiberglass pipe (testing its integrity) before the line is covered up. The contractor will use clean fresh water for testing. Allowing the test water to be contained in the ditch after hydrotesting will aid the contractor in the compaction of the fill material used to cover up the injection lines.

If you concur with our request, please issue a permit to us for this activity. We would like to commence flowline installations in mid-February of this year. Call me at (915) 688-6208 with questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Molnar

Paul S. Molnar
Staff Regulatory Specialist

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cc: Bureau of Land Management
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Time

Date

Originating Party

Other Parties

SUBJECT

Discussion

Conclusions or Agreements

Recommendation

Signed