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RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7099-3220-0000-5051-2566

Mr. Mark Bishop
Conoco, Inc.
921 W. Sanger
Hobbs, NM 88240

Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge HI-072
Pipeline NMLPG-20400
NE/4 Section 10, T 23 S, R 34 E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bishop:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Conoco Inc's (Conoco) request, dated October 5, 2001, for authorization to discharge approximately 320 bbl (13,440gal) of waste water from the hydrostatic test of approximately 9000 feet of used gathering system pipeline (6-inch steel line) located in Sections 10 & 15 of Section 10, T 23 S, R 34 E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

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

1. The test water (13,440 gallons) will be held in a frac tank and trucked to Controlled Recovery Inc. in Sec 27, T20S, R32E for disposal.
2. Only fresh water of less than 1,000 mg/l total dissolved solids from a water supply system or other potable source shall be used in the hydrostatic test.
3. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3106.B, this approval will allow Conoco to discharge without an approved discharge plan for a period not to exceed 120 days. Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3114 an application fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) is due at the time of the permit application submittal and a temporary permission permit fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) is due upon receipt of this approval. The \$100 application fee has

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been received. 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.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve Conoco of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Conoco of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions, please call Martyne Kieling at (505) 476-2488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger C. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roger C. Anderson
Environmental Bureau Chief

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xc: OCD Hobbs Office