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RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7099-3220-0000-5051-2580

Mr. Jerry Sanchez
EMW Gas Association
405 5th Street
Estancia, NM 87016

**Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Permit HI-073
EMW Gas Association
EMW 8" Mainline Expansion Phase II, Section 6, T 10 N, R 8 E, NMPM,
Santa Fe County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received EMW Gas Association (EMW) request dated October 1, 2001 for authorization to discharge 210,000 gallons of wastewater from the hydrostatic test of approximately 12.5 miles feet of 8-inch new pipeline and 3.5 miles of 6-inch new pipeline at the above referenced location.

Based on the information provided in the request, and supplemental information dated October 26, 2001 the hydrostatic test water discharge is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The test water (210,000 gallons) will be discharged directly onto the adjacent ground surface on private range land property, Section 6, T 10 N, R 8 E, NMPM, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, and allowed to soak in and evaporate.
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. Test water will be released through hay bales or other erosion control device to prevent erosion.
4. The fluids will not be allowed to migrate to a water of the State or a water of the U.S.

5. Written permission of landowner must be obtained.
6. Any solids that accumulate as a result of the discharge will be subject to full hazardous waste characterization testing to determine the proper means of disposal.
7. The analytical results will be made available to the OCD along with a request for disposal of the accumulated solids.

Pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20 NMAC 6.2.3106.B, this approval will allow EMW 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 and \$150 temporary permission fee have 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 EMW of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve EMW 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,



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Environmental Bureau Chief

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Xc with attachment:

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