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RETURN RECEIPT NO: 7000-1670-0012-5357-8192

Ms. Nina Hutton
XTO Energy, Inc.
810 Houston St., Suite 2000
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6298

**RE: CASE #3R0134
VALDEZ A#1E WELL SITE
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Ms. Hutton:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed XTO Energy, Inc.'s (XTO) July 26, 2001 "XTO ENERGY INC., REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT OF GROUNDWATER MONITOR WELLS, VALDEZ A 1E, (G) SEC. 24 – T29N – R11W, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO which was submitted on behalf of XTO by their consultant Blagg Engineering, Inc. This document contains XTO's request to close monitor wells MW-2, MW-4 and MW-5 at the Valdez A#1E well site to facilitate surface use of the land for farming by the landowner. The request is based upon 4 consecutive ground water sampling events from each well where contaminant concentrations were below New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) ground water standards.

The above-referenced request is approved. Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve XTO of responsibility if the monitor well network fails to adequately monitor contamination related to XTO's activities. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve XTO of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, tribal or local laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3491.

Sincerely,

William C. Olson
Hydrologist
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xc: Denny Foust, OCD Aztec District Office
Jeff Blagg, Blagg Engineering, Inc.