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RICE Operating Company (OGRID 19174)
c/o Hayden Holub, Manager
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RE: Administrative Order SWD-1751; Second Extension of Deadline to Inject
Well: N-7 Well No. 1 (API 30-025-46576)
Located: Unit N, Sec 7, T21S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Order Date: October 2, 2018
Injection formations: San Andres; 4,457 feet to 4,908 feet

Dear Mr. Holub:

Reference is made to your August 17, 2020 request on behalf of RICE Operating Company (the “operator”) to extend the deadline stipulated in the above titled order to commence injection for the above referenced well for reasons outlined in your correspondence. The deadline date to commence injection under said order was one year after issuance of the order: October 2, 2019. However, the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) formally approved the operator’s first extension request submitted August 20, 2019, which contained the required information and was submitted prior to the original deadline. Therefore, the OCD shall recognize the first extension request providing a current deadline date of October 2, 2020.

It is the OCD’s understanding from your correspondence that since the date of issuance of this permit, no additional wells that penetrate the approved injection interval were drilled in the one-mile Area of Review (AOR). Additionally, no new affected parties have been identified in the AOR. Therefore, the extension request could be reviewed administratively for approval.

The OCD finds that for reasons you have stated, the granting of this request to extend this administrative order is in the interest of conservation, will prevent waste, and will protect the environment. Therefore, the deadline to commence injection for the existing order is hereby extended until October 2, 2021.

All requirements of the above referenced administrative order and agreements in the application remain in full force and effect.

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ADRIENNE SANDOVAL
Director

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cc: New Mexico State Land Office – Santa Fe Office
Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs District Office
Order SWD-1751