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**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 1:32 PM  
**To:** Hack Conder (hconder@riceswd.com)  
**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; Laura Pena (lpena@riceswd.com); Katie Jones <kjones@riceswd.com> (kjones@riceswd.com); Scott Curtis (scurtis@riceswd.com)  
**Subject:** Remediation Plan (1R427-327) Termination - ROC EME Jct C-17 Site

**RE: Termination Request  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
EME Jct C-17 Site  
Unit Letter C, Section 17, T21S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico  
Remediation Plan (1R427-327) Termination**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Rice Operating Company's report and request to close the above-referenced site, dated February 21, 2013 (received February 26, 2013). The reports are acceptable to the OCD.

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC (Rule 29; formally, Rule 116), indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the remediation plan (1R427-327) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Please be advised that OCD approval of this report does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility should operations pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any OCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

Edward J. Hansen  
Hydrologist  
Environmental Bureau

RECEIVED OCD  
RICE Operating Company  
2013 FEB 26 A 10:5  
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RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7007 2560 0000 4569 8869

**February 21, 2013**

Mr. Edward Hansen  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Termination Request  
EME Jct. C-17 (1R427-327): UL/C, Sec. 17, T21S, R36E  
RICE Operating Company – Eunice Monument Eumont SWD System

Mr. Hansen:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) is the service provider (agent) for the EME Saltwater Disposal (SWD) System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipeline, well, or facility. The System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

**Background**

In 2010, ROC initiated work on the former C-17 junction box. The site is located in UL/C, Sec. 17, T21S, R36E. NM OSE records indicate that groundwater would likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 178 +/- feet. The site was delineated using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals, creating a 5x3x8 ft deep excavation. Each sample was field titrated for chlorides and field screened using a PID for hydrocarbons, resulting in chloride concentrations that decreased with depth. The 8 ft sample was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH, resulting in a chloride, gasoline range organics (GRO) and diesel range organics (DRO) concentration below detectable limits. The excavated soil was returned to the excavation and contoured to the surrounding area. On 4/7/2010, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation. A junction box is no longer needed at the site. Vegetation has rebounded at the site, so no re-vegetation efforts are needed.

The junction box site location map, final report, photodocumentation, laboratory analysis, PID sheet, chloride graph and current photodocumentation are attached.

**Recommendations**

Site investigation demonstrates that residual chloride and hydrocarbons in the vadose zone will not with reasonable probability contaminate groundwater in excess of NMOCD standards. This site meets the requirements of the NMOCD-approved Revised Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan (July 16, 2003). As such, ROC request termination of the regulatory file, or similar closure status.

Please contact me at (575)393-9174 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this site. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
RICE Operating Company

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

Hack Conder  
Environmental Manager

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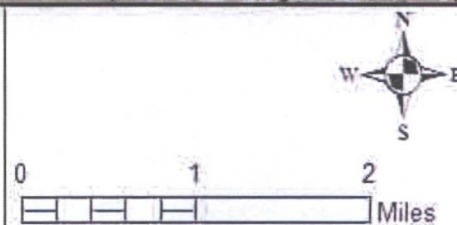
## Site Location Map

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UL C, SECTION 17,  
T-21-S, R-36-E  
LEA COUNTY, NM





# Junction Box Report

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**RICE OPERATING COMPANY  
JUNCTION BOX FINAL REPORT**

**BOX LOCATION**

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
Eunice-Monument-Eumont (EME)	Jct. C-17	C	17	21S	36E	Lea	Length	Width	Depth
							Eliminated		

LAND TYPE: BLM \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ FEE LANDOWNER Monty Morton OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to Groundwater 178 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 0

Date Started 3/30/2010 Date Completed 3/30/2010 OCD Witness no

Soil Excavated 4.4 cubic yards Excavation Length 5 Width 3 Depth 8 feet

Soil Disposed 0 cubic yards Offsite Facility n/a Location n/a

**FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS:** Sample Date 3/30/2010 Sample Depth 8 ft.

TPH and Chloride laboratory test results completed by using an approved lab and testing procedures pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.

Sample Location	PID (field) ppm	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chloride mg/kg
SOURCE 8" GRAB	3.5	<10.0	<10.0	<16

**CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS**

LOCATION	DEPTH	mg/kg
background	6"	151
vertical delineation trench at the junction (source)	4'	149
	5'	142
	6'	152
	7'	148
	8'	141

**General Description of Remedial Action:** This junction box and line were eliminated

during the pipeline replacement/upgrade program. After the former junction box was

removed, an investigation was conducted using a backhoe to collect soil samples at

regular intervals producing a 3x5x8-ft-deep excavation. Chloride field tests performed

on each sample yielded low concentrations similar to that of the background. Organic vapors were measured using a PID, which also

yielded low concentrations. The deepest sample, 8 ft. BGS was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH,

which confirmed low concentrations. The excavated soil was returned to the excavation to ground surface and contoured to the

surrounding area. On 4/07/2010, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation and is expected to return to a productive capacity

at a normal rate.

enclosures: photos, lab results, PID (field) screenings, chloride curve

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY  
KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

SITE SUPERVISOR Jordan Woodfin SIGNATURE *Jordan Woodfin* COMPANY RICE OPERATING COMPANY

REPORT ASSEMBLED BY Larry Bruce Baker Jr. INITIAL LBB

PROJECT LEADER Larry Bruce Baker Jr. SIGNATURE *Larry Bruce Baker Jr.* DATE 8-17-10



## EME Jct. C-17

Unit C, Section 17, T21S, R36E



Sampling the source facing east 3/30/10



Digging the source facing east 3/30/2010



Final excavation facing east 3/30/10



Seeding site facing west 4/7/2010



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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR  
RICE OPERATING COMPANY  
ATTN: BRUCE BAKER  
112 W. TAYLOR  
HOBBS, NM 88240

Receiving Date: 03/30/10  
Reporting Date: 04/06/10  
Project Number: NOT GIVEN  
Project Name: EME JCT C-17 (21/36)  
Project Location: EME JCT C-17 (21/36)

Sampling Date: 03/30/10  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: JH  
Analyzed By: CK/HM

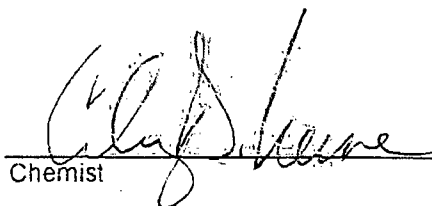
LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO	DRO	CI*
		(C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>10</sub> ) (mg/kg)	(>C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>28</sub> ) (mg/kg)	(mg/kg)

ANALYSIS DATE	04/01/10	04/01/10	03/31/10
H19582-1 SOURCE BTM GRAB @ 8 FT.	<10.0	<10.0	< 16
Quality Control	559	545	500
True Value QC	500	500	500
% Recovery	112	109	100
Relative Percent Difference	1.1	2.0	2.0

METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; CI: Std. Methods 4500-CI'B

\*Analysis performed on a 1:4 w/v aqueous extract.

Reported on wet weight.

  
Chemist

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04/07/10  
Date

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NEED SAMPLES BACK, PLEASE

# RICE OPERATING COMPANY

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PID METER CALIBRATION & FIELD REPORT FORM

Check Model Number.

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Model: PGM 7300 Serial No: 590-000509  
 Model: PGM 7300 Serial No: 590-000508  
 Model: PGM 7300 Serial No: 590-000504


Model: PGM 7600 Serial No: 110-023920  
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 Model: PGM 7600 Serial No: 110-013676

GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE 100PPM / AIR: BALANCE

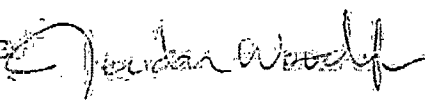
LOT NO: 924503	EXPIRATION DATE: 7-5-012
FILL DATE: 7-1-09	METER READING ACCURACY: 99.5

ACCURACY: +/- 2%

SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWN SHIP	RANGE
EME	JCT C-17	C	17	215	360E

SAMPLE ID	PID	SAMPLE ID	PID
Source		Background	
4'	3.3	10"	0.1
5'	3.3		
6'	4.0		
7'	4.1		
8'	3.5		

I verify that I have calibrated the above instrument in accordance to the manufacture operation manual

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 3-30-10

## CHLORIDE CONCENTRATION CURVE

RICE *Operating Company*

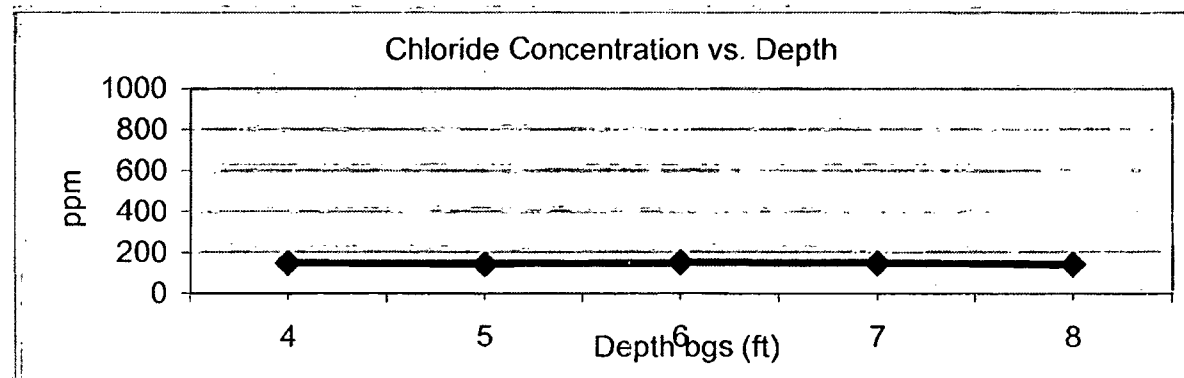
### EME Jct. C-17

Unit 'C', Sec. 17, T21S, R36E

*Backhoe samples at the junction (source)*

Depth bgs (ft)	[Cl] ppm
4	149
5	142
6	152
7	148
8	141

Groundwater = 178 ft







## Current Photodocumentation

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Facing west

2/11/2013



Facing south

2/11/2013