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From: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2007 9:34 AM
To: 'Kristin Pope'
Cc: Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Carolyn Haynes; Scott Curtis; Williams, Chris, EMNRD
Subject: AP050 Termination

**RE: "Final Site Investigation Report & Abatement Completion Report:"
for the Rice Operating Company's
BD Zachary Hinton EOL Site
Unit Letter O, Section 12, T22S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico
AP050 Termination**

Dear Ms. Pope:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) has received the Rice Operating Company's (ROC) report (dated March 13, 2007) regarding above referenced Abatement Completion Report, submitted in accordance with Rule 19.K, indicates that ROC has met the requirements of Rule 19.B; therefore, the NMOCD approves the abatement completion report and hereby notifies you that the abatement plan (AP050) is terminated in accordance with Rule 19.K.(2).

Please submit a plan to plug the monitoring well at the above referenced site. The material used to plug the well must be a cement grout with 1% to 3% bentonite. Please submit to the NMOCD a final plugging report within 60 days of receipt of this letter. 8-15-07

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this abatement completion 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, NMOCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any NMOCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact at 505-476-3489

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