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Mr. Roger Anderson
NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau
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Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Environmental Bureau
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RE: NOTIFICATION OF GROUNDWATER IMPACT
BLINBRY DRINKARD (BD) SWD SYSTEM, JCT ZACHARY HINTON
Unit Letter O, Sec. 12, T22S, R37E, Lea County, NM

Mr. Anderson:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) takes this opportunity to notify the Director of the NMOCD, Environmental Bureau of groundwater impact in accordance with NM Rule 116. The Jct. Zachary Hinton site qualifies for this notification. The remediation of this site may fall under NM Rule 19 procedures.

Jct. Zachary Hinton is part of the Junction Box Upgrade Project scheduled for 2002. Impact of the vadose zone was delineated by trenching and soil boring at this site. Vadose zone impact was discovered to groundwater. A monitor well was installed and developed pursuant to NMOCD guidelines. A water sample was taken to a certified lab for analyses. The results are listed in the following table. All results are in mg/L.

SITE	UNIT	SEC	T	R	CHLORIDES	TDS	BENZENE
Zachary Hinton	O	12	22S	37E	1,000	2,403	<0.002

The results demonstrate chlorides and TDS are in excess of the WQCC standards. Groundwater in this area is 56' bgs.

ROC is the service provider (operator) for the BD Salt Water Disposal System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipelines, wells or facilities. The BD SWD System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Partners, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

Please accept this notification for Jct. Zachary Hinton.

RICE OPERATING COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donnie Anderson".

Donnie Anderson
Project Leader-Environmental

Cc: LBG, CDH, SC, file Mr. Chris Williams
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