

## GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Mr. Roger Anderson NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

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

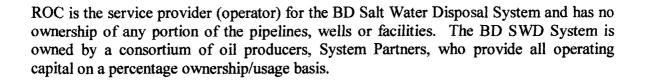
Mr. Anderson:

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	Т	R	CHLORIDES	TDS	BENZENE
Zachary Hinton	0	12	228	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.



Please accept this notification for Jct. Zachary Hinton.

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