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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2009 12:54 PM  
**To:** 'Hack Conder'  
**Cc:** Marvin Burrows; Scott Curtis; Johnson, Larry, EMNRD  
**Subject:** AP-66 Termination (Rice EME Jct. N-5 Site)

**RE: Stage 2 Final Report and Termination Request for the Rice Operating Company's  
EME Jct. N-5 Site  
Unit Letter N, Section 5, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico  
Abatement Plan (AP-66) 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 July 23, 2009). The report is acceptable to the OCD. However, the material used to plug the groundwater monitoring wells and recovery well must be a cement grout with 1% to 3% bentonite. Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report within 60 days of receipt of this notice.

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.30.19 NMAC [Section 19 of (Rule 30; formally, Rule 19)], indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.30.9 NMAC; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the abatement plan (AP-66) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.30.19.B 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.

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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 5:52 PM  
**To:** 'Hack Conder'  
**Cc:** Jones, Brad A., EMNRD; 'Katie Jones'  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Closure of the Amended Stage 2 Abatement Plan (AP-66) further delineation  
- Submittal Extension Approval

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed your request for extension of submittal of the further delineation report for Abatement Plan, AP-66. The OCD hereby approves the request for extension of the submittal of the report until Thursday, August 6, 2009.

Also, please be advised that OCD approval of this extension for submittal 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 questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

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**From:** Hack Conder [mailto:hconder@riceswd.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2009 12:00 PM  
**To:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Cc:** Jones, Brad A., EMNRD; 'Katie Jones'  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Closure of the Amended Stage 2 Abatement Plan (AP-66) further delineation

Ed,

I have meet with BLM on N-5 AP66 on ROW for recovery out of monitor well two an amended ROW will not work, so we are submitting a new ROW for recovery and this could take up to 90 days to process. I am requesting an extension of 90 days to start pumping and will report 30 days after we complete pumping. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Thanks

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Rice Operating Company  
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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD [mailto:edwardj.hansen@state.nm.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 08, 2009 9:40 AM  
**To:** Hack Conder  
**Cc:** Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Johnson, Larry, EMNRD; Gil Van Deventer  
**Subject:** Request for Closure of the Amended Stage 2 Abatement Plan (AP-66) further delineation

**RE: Request for Closure of the Amended Stage 2 Abatement Plan (AP-66) further delineation**

**for the Rice Operating Company's  
EME SWD Jct. N-5 Site  
Unit Letter N, Section 5, T20S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Request for Closure of the Amended Stage 2 Abatement Plan (AP-66) for the EME Jct. N-5 Site, dated July 16, 2008, and has conducted a review of the Plan. The Request, submitted for the above-referenced site, indicates that Rice Operating Company (ROC) has not met the requirements of OCD Part 30 (formerly, Rule 19) for termination. Therefore, the OCD hereby cannot approve the Request for Closure for above-referenced site, dated July 16, 2008, in accordance with 19.15.30 NMAC. The OCD recommends that ROC perform short-term (at least 60 days) aggressive pumping at groundwater monitoring well MW-2 at the site to further delineate the release.

Please submit a report with the results of the delineation to the OCD within 90 days for review.

ROC must continue to perform groundwater monitoring at the site.

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

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