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January 19, 2005

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

**RE: NOTIFICATION OF GROUNDWATER IMPACT
HOBBS F-29-1A VENT MW-2
UNIT 'F', SEC. 29, T18S, R38E**

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 remediation of this site may fall under NM Rule 19 procedures.

The following work at this junction box site was performed in accordance with the NMOCD-approved Work Plan to investigate potential groundwater impacted sites in the abandoned Hobbs SWD System submitted by R.T. Hicks Consultants (Hicks) of Albuquerque. A dual-completion monitoring well was installed on 11/6/2004 with two 2-inch wells in one borehole. Groundwater was encountered at approximately 59 feet and MW-1 is 99 feet deep and MW-2 is 72 feet. The wells were sampled pursuant to NMOCD guidelines by Basin Environmental Service Technologies (Basin) of Lovington on 12/02/2004. Environmental Lab of Texas performed the analysis on MW-2, the deeper well, which confirmed WQCC standards were exceeded. Basin will continue to sample the wells quarterly in 2005.

Please accept this notification for the above-referenced site. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Project Scientist

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enclosures: water analysis, well log, map

Hobbs F-29-1A vent
unit 'F', Sec. 29, T18S, R38E

RICE Operating Company
Monitor Well Data Sheet

This is a dual-level completion with 2 wells within 1 casing.

All concentrations are in mg/L

MW #	(ft)		(gal)								
	DEPTH TO WATER	TOTAL DEPTH	WELL VOLUME	VOLUME PURGED	SAMPLE DATE	Cl ⁻	TDS	BENZENE	TOLUENE	ETHYL BENZENE	TOTAL XYLENES
1	60.74	102.57	6.700	20.10	12/02/04	100	465	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

2	60.64	74.80	2.270	6.80	12/02/04	725	3280	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
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