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March 14, 2007

Carolyn Haynes
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122 West Taylor
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

**RE: Vacuum SWD M-26 Site
Unit Letter C, Section 35, T17S, R58E, Lea County, New Mexico
Remediation Plan (1R0478) Termination**

Dear Ms. Haynes:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the closure report for the Vacuum SWD M-26 site, dated March 2, 2007, and has conducted a review of the report. The closure report, submitted for the above reference site, indicates that the Rice Operating Company has met the closure requirements. Therefore, the OCD hereby approves the closure report and gives notice that the Remediation Plan (1R0478) is terminated.

Please be advised that NMOCD 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, NMOCD 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 Edward Hansen of my staff at 505-476-3489.

Sincerely,

Wayne Price
Environmental Bureau Chief

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cc: Chris Williams; OCD; Hobbs District Office
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