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**GENERAL  
CORRESPONDENCE**

**YEAR(S):**  
2006-2001

# **RICE** Operating Company

122 West Taylor • Hobbs, New Mexico 88240  
Phone: (505)393-9174 • Fax: (505) 397-1471

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March 17, 2006

Mr. Wayne Price  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: EME M-9 SWD site  
PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS  
NMOCD CASE #1R0331

Mr. Price:

In accordance with Rule 19 (Section 19.15.1.19 NMAC, Subsection G) Public Notice requirements, please accept the enclosed copies of proof that the appropriate individuals and entities were notified of the Stage 1 Abatement Plan submitted by the consulting firm of R.T. Hicks Consultants of Albuquerque for the EME M-9 SWD site.

Notices were sent via certified mail to landowners within the prescribed radius and return receipts were received for all landowners, indicating that the mailing was received. Mailings were also sent to the Lea County Commission and the list of Interested Parties found on the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) website. Some mail deliveries could not be confirmed so the document was sent via electronic mail (e-mail) or by facsimile (fax) to the addresses provided on the list. Thirty-seven total notifications were sent and only one was not delivered. The notification to Mike Schultz of the International Technology Corp. (from the OCD Interested Parties list) was return as "attempted—not known." Previous mailings to this address have been refused.

As directed by OCD, the Stage 1 Abatement Plan notifications were published in the *Albuquerque Journal* and the *Hobbs News-Sun* newspapers. Affidavits for these publications are enclosed.

cc: CDH, GVD, file, Daniel Sanchez (NMOCD), Pat Caperton  
NMOCD, District I Office  
1625 N. French Drive  
Hobbs, NM 88240

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of New Mexico,  
County of Lea.

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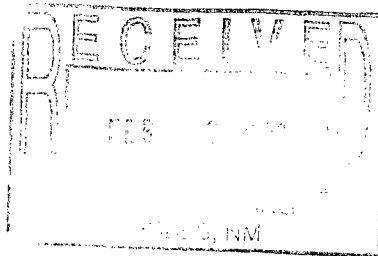
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LEGAL NOTICE  
January 31, 2006

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RICE OPERATING COMPANY  
122 WEST TAYLOR  
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Journal: January 31, 2006

Bill Tafoya, being duly sworn, declares and says that he is Classified Advertising Manager of **The Albuquerque Journal**, and that this newspaper is duly qualified to publish legal notices or advertisements within the meaning of Section 3, Chapter 167, Session Laws of 1937, and that payment therefore has been made of assessed as court cost; that the notice, copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said paper in the regular daily edition, for

Jan. times, the first publication being on the 31 day of Jan., 2006 and the subsequent consecutive publications on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Bernalillo and State of New Mexico this 31 day of Jan. of 2006

PRICE \$37.06

Statement to come at end of month.

ACCOUNT NUMBER C82274

CLA-22-A (R-1/93)



# EME M-9 SWD

Unit 'M', Sec. 9, T20S, R37E

Public Notice Mailings (1/24/2006)

Stage 1 Abatement Plan

	Landowner or Interested Party	Delivery Status			Comments
		Delivered US Mail	Delivered E-mail	Not Delivered	
1	Attorney General's Office P.O. Box 1508 Santa Fe, NM 87504	X			Return Receipt Received
2	Bruce S. Garber Attorney at Law P.O. Box 0850 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0850 Email: bsg@garbhall.com	X			Return Receipt Received
3	State Director Bureau of Land Management P.O. Box 27115 Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115	X			Return Receipt Received
4	Chief Groundwater Bureau Runnels Building Santa Fe, NM 87504 Email: Bill.Olsen@state.nm.us	X			Return Receipt Received
5	Chief Hazardous Waste Bureau Runnels Building Santa Fe, NM 87504 E-Mail: James.Bearzi@state.nm.us	X			Return Receipt Received
6	Gerald R. Zimmerman Colorado River Board of Calif. 770 Fairmont Ave. Ste 100 Glendale, CA 91203-1035 E-mail: jcc_crb@pacbell.net	X			Return Receipt Received
7	Jack A Barnett Colorado River Basin Ctrl. Forum 106 West 500 South, Suite 101 Bountiful, UT 84010 Email: James.Bearzi@state.nm.us		X		emailed 3/16/2006
8	Department of Game & Fish Director Villagra Building Santa Fe, NM 87503	X			Return Receipt Received
9	Dr. Harry Bishara P.O. Box 748 Cuba, NM 78013	X			Return Receipt Received
10	Colin Adams Environmental Counsel Public Service Company of new Mexico 414 Silver, Southwest Albuquerque, NM 87158 Email: cadams@pnm.com	X			Return Receipt Received
11	Mike Schulz International Technology Corp. 5301 Central Avenue, NE Suite 700 Albuquerque, NM 87108 E-mail: mschulz@theitgroup.com			X	Undeliverable mail, not able to forward

12	Jay Lazarus P.O. Box 5727 Santa Fe, NM 87502 E-mail: Lazarus@glorietageo.com	X			Return Receipt Received
13	Ken Marsh CRI P.O. Box 388 Hobbs, NM 88241 E-mail: ken@carihobbs.com	X			Return Receipt Received
14	Lee Wilson & Associates P.O. Box 931 Santa Fe, N.M. 87501 E-mail: lwa@lwasf.com	X			Return Receipt Received
15	Ned Kendrick Attorney at Law 325 Paseo de Peralta Santa Fe, NM 87501 E-mail: ekendrick@montand.com	X			Return Receipt Received
16	New Mexico Environment Department P.O. Box 26110 Santa Fe, NM 87504 E-mail: Cathy.Tyson@state.nm.us	X			Return Receipt Received
17	Lynn Brandvold NM Bureau of Mines & Mineral Resources NM Institute of Mining & Tech. Socorro, NM 87801	X			Return Receipt Received
18	NM Oil & Gas Association P.O. Box 1864 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1864	X			Return Receipt Received
19	Randy Hicks 901 Rio Grande Blvd NW Suite F-142 Albuquerque, NM 87104 E-mail: r@rthicksconsult.com		X		emailed 3/16/2006
20	Soil and Water Conservation Bureau New Mexico Department of Agriculture Agriculture Programs and Resources Division Box 30005/APR Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005	X			Return Receipt Received
21	Chris Shuey Southwest Research & Information Center P.O. Box 4524 Albuquerque, NM 87106 E-mail: sricdon@earthlink.net	X			Return Receipt Received
22	Ron Dutton Southwestern Public Service P.O. Box 1261 Amarillo, Texas 79170 E-mail: ron.dutton@xcelenergy.com	X			Return Receipt Received
23	Elmo Baca State Historic Preservation Officer 228 East palace Avenue Villa Rivera Room 101 Santa Fe, NM 87503 Fax: 505-827-6338		X		Faxed 3/16/2006
24	Director State Parks & Recreation 1220 S. St. Francis Santa Fe, NM 87505	X			Return Receipt Received

25	Field Supervisor US Fish & Wildlife Service 2105 Osuna Road, Northeast Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001	X			Return Receipt Received
26	Regional Forester USFS Regional Office 517 Gold Avenue SW Albuquerque, NM 87102 E-mail: cgarcia@fs.fed.us		X		Undeliverable mail, not able to forward; e-mailed 3/16/2006
27	State Engineer Water Resources Division Bataan Building Santa Fe, NM 87503	X			Return Receipt Received
28	William Turner New Mexico Trustee for Natural Resources C/O American Ground Water consultants 610 Gold St. SW, Suite 111 Albuquerque, NM 87102	X			Return Receipt Received
29	S & W Cattle Company Trent Stradley P.O. Box 1800 Hobbs, NM 88240	X			Return Receipt Received
30	BLM Carlsbad Field Office Jim Amos 620 E Greene Street Carlsbad, NM 88220	X			Return Receipt Received
31	New Mexico State Land Office Gilbert Borrego P.O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148	X			Return Receipt Received
32	Laughlin, M. E. Est. Reeves, Elsie Laughlin P.O. Box 90706 White Mountain Lake, AZ 85912	X			Return Receipt Received
33	Jimmie T. Cooper Star Route A, Box 55 Monument, NM 88265	X			Return Receipt Received
34	First National Bank Dellis Barber Estate P.O. Box 1347 Colorado City, TX 79512	X			Return Receipt Received
35	Martha L Williams C/o Mary K Dowden ETAI P.O. Box 212 Bellevue, TX 76228	X			Return Receipt Received
36	NM State Hwy Dept Darrell Johnson P.O. Box 1458 Roswell, NM 88202	X			Return Receipt Received
37	Lea County Administration Office Attn: Lue Ethridge 100 N Main Street, Suite 4 Lovington, NM 88260	X			Return Receipt Received
<b>TOTALS</b>		32	4	1	



**kpriceswd**

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**From:** "kpriceswd" <kpriceswd@valornet.com>  
**To:** <jbarnett@barnettwater.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 1:44 PM  
**Attach:** M9\_Public\_Notice.doc  
**Subject:** Rule 19 Public Notice (M-9)

Jack Barnett:

In accordance with the NOMAD Rule 19 Public Notice requirements, please find the attached public notification document. This document was originally mailed to you on January 24, 2006 but a return receipt was not received. Thank you.

Kristin Farris Pope  
Project Scientist  
RICE Operating Company  
Hobbs, New Mexico  
(505) 393-9174

3/16/2006

**kpriceswd**

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**From:** "Nola Peterson" <npeterson@barnettwater.com>  
**To:** "kpriceswd" <kpriceswd@valornet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 3:07 PM  
**Attach:** ATT00006.txt  
**Subject:** Read: Rule 19 Public Notice (M-9)

Your message

To: jbarnett@barnettwater.com  
Subject: Rule 19 Public Notice (M-9)  
Sent: 3/16/2006 1:44 PM

was read on 3/16/2006 2:42 PM.

3/17/2006

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**From:** "kpriceswd" <kpriceswd@valornet.com>  
**To:** "Randall Hicks" <R@rthicksconsult.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 1:37 PM  
**Attach:** M9\_Public\_Notice.doc  
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Randy Hicks:

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**To:** "kpriceswd" <kpriceswd@valornet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 1:46 PM  
**Attach:** ATT00037.txt  
**Subject:** Read: Rule 19 Public Notice (M-9)

Your message

To: Randall Hicks  
Subject: 3/16/2006 1:37 PM

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Kristin Farris Pope  
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**RICE** *Operating Company*

# Fax

**To:** New Mexico Historic Preservation Div. **From:** Kristin Farris Pope

**ATTN:** Elmo Baca, Preservation Officer **Date:** March 16, 2006

**Fax:** (505) 827-6338 **Pages:** 2

**Re:** New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

Rule 19 Public Notice

☐ **Urgent**    ☐ **For Review**    ☐ **Please Comment**    ☐ **Please Reply**

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**IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ALL THE PAGES INCLUDED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE PHONE NUMBER LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE.**

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Reeves, Elsie Laughlin  
P.O. Box 90706  
White MTN Lake, AZ 85912

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B. Received by (Printed Name) *Elsie M. Reeves* ☐ Addressee  
C. Date of Delivery *2/15/04* ☐ Addressee

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S & W Cattle Company  
Trent Stradley  
P.O. Box 1800  
Hobbs, NM 88240

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B. Received by (Printed Name) *Trent Stradley* ☐ Addressee  
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Article Addressed to:

Martha L. Williams  
C/O Mary K Bowden ETAL  
PO BOX 212  
Bellevue, TX 76228

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A. Signature *[Signature]* ☒ Agent ☐ Addressee  
B. Received by (Printed Name) *Mary K Bowden* ☐ Addressee  
C. Date of Delivery *2/15/04* ☐ Addressee

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Article Addressed to:

*BLM*  
Carlsbad Field Office  
Jim Amos  
620 E Greene Street  
Carlsbad, NM 88220

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A. Signature *[Signature]* ☒ Agent ☐ Addressee  
B. Received by (Printed Name) *Jim Amos* ☐ Addressee  
C. Date of Delivery *2-25-04* ☐ Addressee

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Article Addressed to:

State Parks & Recreation  
Director  
1220 S St Francis  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Bureau of Land Management  
State Director  
PO BOX 27115  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

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Article Addressed to:

Southwest Research & Information Center  
Chris Shuey  
PO BOX 4524  
Albuquerque, NM 87106

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Ron Dutton  
PO BOX 1261  
Amarillo, TX 79170

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Article Addressed to:

Soil & Water Conservation Bureau  
NM Dept of Agriculture/Ag Programs & Resources  
BOX 30005/APR  
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005

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Article Number  
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B. Received by (Printed Name) ☐ Addressee  
C. Date of Delivery  
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

Received by (Printed Name) ☒ Addressee

3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

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☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Jay Lazarus  
PO BOX 5727  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

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Article Addressed to:

Attorney General's Office  
PO BOX 1508  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Article Number  
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C. Date of Delivery  
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If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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C. Date of Delivery  
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If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Water Resources Division  
State Engineer  
Bataan Building  
Santa Fe, NM 87503

Article Number  
7005 0390 0000 9980 3777

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C. Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

### 3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Bruce S. Garber  
Attorney at Law  
PO BOX 0850  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-0850

Article Number  
7005 0390 0000 9980 3821

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C. Date of Delivery  
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If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

### 3. Service Type

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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Chief  
Groundwater Bureau  
Runnels Building  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Article Number  
7005 0390 0000 9980 3838

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If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

### 3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Field Supervisor  
2105 Osuna Road, Northeast  
Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001

Article Number  
7005 0390 0000 9980 3753

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### 3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Environmental Counsel ATTN: Colin Adams  
Public Service Company of NM  
414 Silver, Southwest  
Albuquerque, NM 87158

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C. Date of Delivery  
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

NM Oil & Gas Association  
PO BOX 1864  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1864

Article Number

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If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

New Mexico Environmental Department  
Secretary  
PO BOX 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

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☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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B. Received by (Printed Name) ☐ Addressee  
C. Date of Delivery  
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

First National Bank  
Deillis Barber Estate  
PO BOX 1347  
Colorado City, TX 79512

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A. Signature ☐ Agent  
X ☐ Addressee  
B. Received by (Printed Name) ☐ Date of Delivery  
Mark H. McNeely 1-26-06  
C. Date of Delivery  
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type  
☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.  
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Dr. Harry Bishara  
PO BOX 748  
Cuba, NM 87013

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A. Signature ☐ Agent  
X ☐ Addressee  
B. Received by (Printed Name) ☐ Date of Delivery  
Dr. Harry Bishara 1-30-06  
C. Date of Delivery  
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☒ No

3. Service Type  
☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.  
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Ken Marsh  
CRI  
PO BOX 388  
Hobbs, NM 88241

EME M-9

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# COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature ☐ Agent  
X ☐ Addressee  
B. Received by (Printed Name) ☐ Date of Delivery  
Ken Marsh 1-27-06  
C. Date of Delivery  
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type  
☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.  
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

NM Bureau of Mines & Mineral Resources  
Lynn Brandvold  
NM Institute of Mining & Tech  
Socorro, NM 87801

EME M-9

Article Number  
(Transfer from service label)  
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A. Signature ☐ Agent  
X ☐ Addressee  
B. Received by (Printed Name) ☐ Date of Delivery  
Lynn Brandvold 1-27-06  
C. Date of Delivery  
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type  
☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.  
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Ned Kendrick  
Attorney at Law  
325 Paseo de Peralta  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

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3. Service Type  
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☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

New Mexico State Land Office  
Gilbert Borrego  
P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148

Article Number  
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3. Service Type  
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☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type  
☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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Article Addressed to:

NM State Hwy Department  
Darrell Johnson  
PO BOX 1458  
Roswell, NM 88202

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- B. Received by (Printed Name) ☒ Date of Delivery
- C. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type
- ☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail
- ☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise
- ☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

1. Article Number 7005 1820 0001 6804 5506

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Article Addressed to:

Chief  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
Rummels Building  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

## COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

- A. Signature ☒ Agent ☐ Addressee
- B. Received by (Printed Name) ☐ Date of Delivery
- C. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type
- ☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail
- ☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise
- ☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

Article Number 7002 0510 0000 9384 5822

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Article Addressed to:

William Turner NM Trustee for Natural Resources  
C/O American Ground Water Consultants  
610 Gold St. SW, Suite 111  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

## COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

- A. Signature ☒ Agent ☐ Addressee
- B. Received by (Printed Name) ☒ Date of Delivery
- C. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type
- ☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail
- ☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise
- ☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

2. Article Number 7005 0390 0000 9980 3784

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Article Addressed to:

Lea County Administration Office  
Attn: Lue Ethridge  
100 N Main Street, Suite 4  
Lovington, NM 88260

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- A. Signature ☒ Agent ☐ Addressee
- B. Received by (Printed Name) ☐ Date of Delivery
- C. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type
- ☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail
- ☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise
- ☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

Article Number 7005 1820 0001 6804 5513

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# RICE

Operating Company

122 West Taylor  
Hobbs, NM 88240



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USFS Regional Office  
Regional Forester  
517 Gold Avenue SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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1. Article Addressed to:

USFS Regional Office  
Regional Forester  
517 Gold Avenue SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

2. Article Number  
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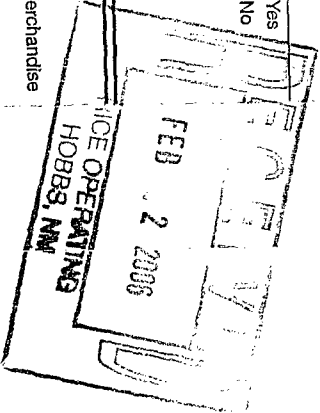
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USFS Regional Office  
Regional Forester  
517 Gold Avenue SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Postage	\$ 39
Certified Fee	\$ 2.40
Return Receipt Fee	\$ 1.85
Restricted Delivery Fee	\$ 4.64
Total Postage & Fees	\$ 9.28

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Hobbs, NM 88240



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☐ Undeliverable as Addressed  
☐ Mailed Left No Address  
☐ Not Known  
☐ No Such Street  
☐ No Such Number  
☐ No Receipt  
☐ Deceased  
☐ Vacant

7005 0390 0000 9980 4897

International Technology Corp.  
Mike Schulz  
5301 Central Avenue, NE Suite 700  
Albuquerque NM 87108  
NIXIE 2013 1 23  
RETURN TO SENDER  
ATTEMPTED - NOT KNOWN  
RETURN TO SENDER



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1. Article Addressed to:

International Technology Corp.  
Mike Schulz  
5301 Central Avenue, NE Suite 700  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

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- A. Signature ☒ Agent ☐ Addressee
- B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery
- D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, enter delivery address below:

- 3. Service Type: ☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail ☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise ☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.
- 4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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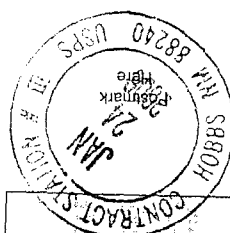
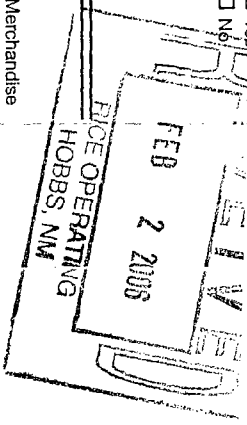
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## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The M-9 SWD site is operated by Rice Operating Company (ROC) and is located in Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Section 9, unit letter M approximately 3 miles south of Monument, NM. This Stage 1 Abatement Plan incorporates the preliminary findings from previous investigations and contents of the previously submitted Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP) and recommendations for additional assessment activities to satisfy the required elements of a Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) Rule 19. Since this Stage 1 Abatement Plan incorporates all four groundwater sampling events conducted during 2005 it will also serve as the annual groundwater monitoring report.

There is no threat that regulated constituents from the vadose zone at this site will cause impairment of ground water because of the excavation, lining and backfilling of the former source area below the redwood tanks and junction boxes. Ground water data from 2005 show that chloride concentrations in range between 283 and 866 mg/L, above the numerical WQCC standard but within the range of water quality acceptable to livestock. However, chloride concentrations in monitoring well MW-3 indicates that the ambient ground water quality ranges between 296 and 329 mg/L for this same period. Chloride concentrations in MW-4 is generally 100 mg/L higher than the two monitoring wells (MW-1 and MW-2) closer to the former redwood tank area. Differentiating between any impact from the former redwood tanks or junction boxes, and off-site impacts is the principal goal of the proposed Stage 1 Abatement Plan

The work elements described in detail in Section 7.0 are proposed to determine the degree that any migration of constituents originating from the former redwood tanks or junction boxes have impacted groundwater quality relative to documented regional groundwater impairment. The purpose of these work elements is to assist ROC in selecting the soil and/or groundwater remedy that is commensurate with any contribution from the M-9 SWD site to the documented regional groundwater impairment. The proposed work elements are summarized below:

Based on the evaluation of soil and groundwater sampling data and communication with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD), as described herein, the following corrective actions are proposed:

- Define regional groundwater flow direction, potential sources of chloride in groundwater and ambient groundwater chemistry
- Expand our groundwater characterization to include evaluation of monitoring data from other groundwater investigation sites in the area.
- Install additional monitoring wells as necessary to define the extent of impairment, if any, caused by the former redwood tanks. The need for additional monitoring wells is dependent on the analysis of data from other groundwater investigation sites.

When implementing any proposed remedy or investigative work, ROC will confirm that there is a reasonable relationship between the benefits created by the proposed remedy or assessment and the economic and social costs.

ROC is the service provider (operator) for the EME SWD System (The System) and has no ownership of any portion of the pipelines, wells, or facilities. The System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, (System Partners) who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis. Environmental projects of this magnitude require System Partner Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) approval and work begins as funds are received. In general, project funding is not forthcoming until OCD approves the work plan.

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January 2, 2006

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

**RE: Stage 1 Abatement Plan  
EME M-9 SWD  
T20S, R37E, Section 9, Unit Letter M  
NMOCD Case # 1R0331**

Dear Mr. Price:

On behalf of Rice Operating Company (ROC), R. T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd. is pleased to submit the Stage 1 Abatement Plan for the above-referenced site on the enclosed compact disk. Text for ROC's proposed public notice is attached to this letter along with a printed copy of the Executive Summary and report cover. If you would like a printed hard copy of the abatement plan one will be sent quickly upon your request.

If you have any questions please call me at 432-638-8740 or Kristin Farris Pope at 505-393-9174.

Sincerely,



Gilbert Van Deventer  
R.T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd.

Copy:

Kristin Pope, Rice Operating Company – Hobbs NM  
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Attachments:

CDROM containing complete Stage 1 Abatement Plan, Draft Public Notice, Executive Summary, report cover

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**RE: Request for extension  
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**Subject:** RE: Request for extension for the Stage 1 Abatement Plan for the Rice Operating Company M-9 SWD site  
**Date:** Fri, 2 Dec 2005 10:48:47 -0700  
**From:** "Price, Wayne, EMNRD" <wayne.price@state.nm.us>  
**To:** gil@rthicksconsult.com  
**CC:** "Kristin Farris Pope" <kpriceswd@valornet.com>

Gil, I am extremely sorry to here about you family member. Yes of course, your request is hereby approved.

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**From:** Gil Van Deventer [mailto:gil@rthicksconsult.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2005 9:44 AM  
**To:** Price, Wayne, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Kristin Farris Pope  
**Subject:** Request for extension for the Stage 1 Abatement Plan for the Rice Operating Company M-9 SWD site

Wayne, I am sending a request for an extension for the Stage 1 Abatement Plan for the Rice Operating Company M-9 SWD site as explained below and in my voice mail message to you yesterday. My wife has been battling serious heart problems for several weeks which resulted in triple bypass surgery the day after Thanksgiving and I have had to put off work committments to be able to assist with her recovery.

I hope my request for an extension isn't a problem as I am doing the best I can. Please acknowledge via email if I can have another 30 days.

Thanks!  
Gil

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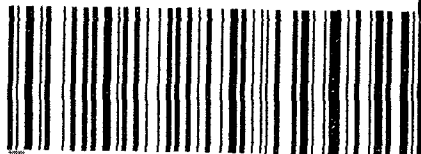
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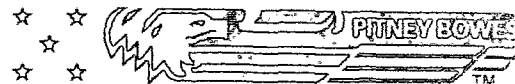
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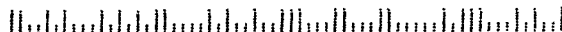


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Oil Conservation Division

Carolyn Doran Haynes  
Rice Operating Company  
122 West Taylor  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Sites with confirmed Groundwater Contamination

Dear Ms. Haynes:

Pursuant to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division rule 19.15.1.19 (Rule 19) Prevention and Abatement of Water Pollution requires all responsible persons who are abating water pollution in excess of the standards shall do so pursuant to an abatement plan approved by the director.

Therefore, Rice Operating Company is hereby required to submit individual abatement plans for OCD approval by July 15, 2005 for each of the following sites:

**EME Sites:**

H-13	UL	H	Sec 13, T20s, R36E	1R0429
<del>M-9</del>	<del>UL</del>	<del>M</del>	<del>Sec 9, T20s, R37E</del>	<del>1R0331</del>
P-6	UL	P	Sec 6, T20s, R37E	1R0422
Jct. N-5	UL	N	Sec 5, T20S, R37E	1R0427-90
Jct. M-16-1	UL	M	Sec 16, T20S, R37E	1R0427-93
Jct. K-33-1	UL	K	Sec 33, T19S, R37E	1R0427-92
Jct. A-20	UL	A	Sec 20, T20S, R37E	1R0427-89
Jct. K-6	UL	K	Sec 6, T20S, R37E	1R0427-88
Marathon Barber EOL	UL	E	Sec 5, T20S, R37E	1R0427-91
jct. D-1 leak	UL	D	Sec. 1, T20S, R36E	not assigned

**BD Sites:**

Zachary Hinton EOL	UL	O	Sec 12, T22S, R37E	1R0426-36
Jct. J-26	UL	J	Sec 26, T21S, R37E	1R0426-40
Jct. F-17	UL	F	Sec 17, T21S, R37E	1R0426-33
Jct. I-27	UL	I	Sec 27, T21S, R37E	1R0426-35
Jct. N-29	UL	N	Sec 29, T21S, R37E	1R0426-37
jct. E-3	UL	E	Sec 3, T22S, R37E	1R0426-53

**Justis Sites:**

jct. L-1	UL	L	Sec 1, T25S, R37E	1R0423-0
SWD H-2	UL	H	Sec 2, T26s, R37E	1R0423-01

**Hobbs Sites:**

Jct. F-29-1A	UL	F	Sec 29, T18S, R38E	not assigned
I-29 Vent	UL	I	Sec 29, T18S, R38E	not assigned

After OCD receives the plans each site will be assigned a new Abatement Plan number (AP#) for tracking purposes. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-476-3493 or E-mail [DJSanchez@state.nm.us](mailto:DJSanchez@state.nm.us); or contact Wayne Price of my staff at 505-476-3487 or e-mail [WPRICE@state.nm.us](mailto:WPRICE@state.nm.us).

Sincerely;



Daniel Sanchez  
Enforcement and Compliance Manager  
DS/wp

Cc: OCD Hobbs office

## Price, Wayne

**From:** Price, Wayne  
**Sent:** Monday, December 06, 2004 1:01 PM  
**To:** 'Gilbert J Van Deventer'; Price, Wayne; Carolyn Doran Haynes (E-mail); Kristin Farris Pope (E-mail)  
**Cc:** enviro@leaco.net; riceswd@leaco.net  
**Subject:** RE: EME M-9 SWD

OCD will require ROC to install additional monitor wells to delineate the groundwater contamination under the site. Please submit a plan for OCD approval by January 07, 2005.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gilbert J Van Deventer [mailto:kickbooty@juno.com]  
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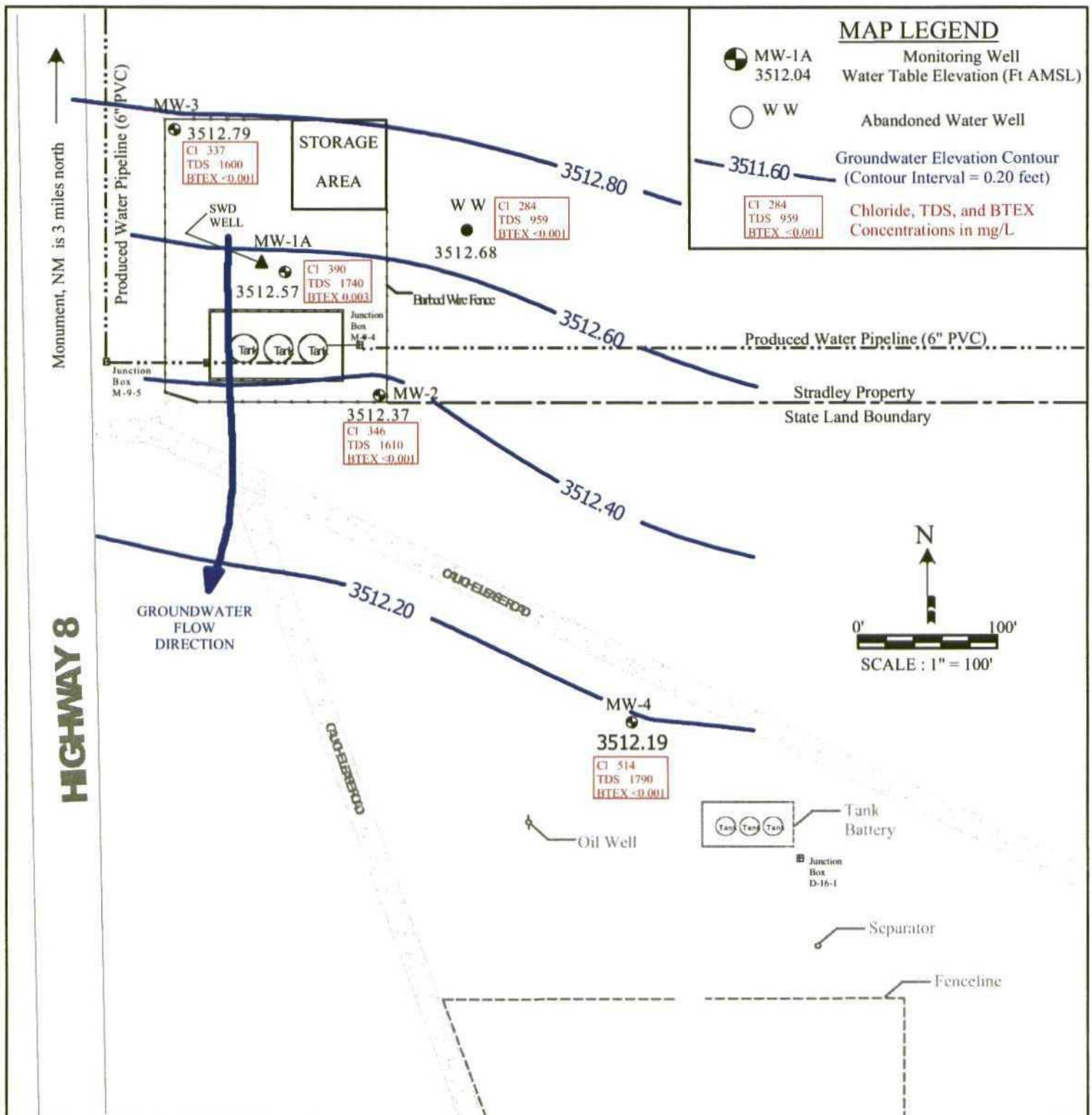
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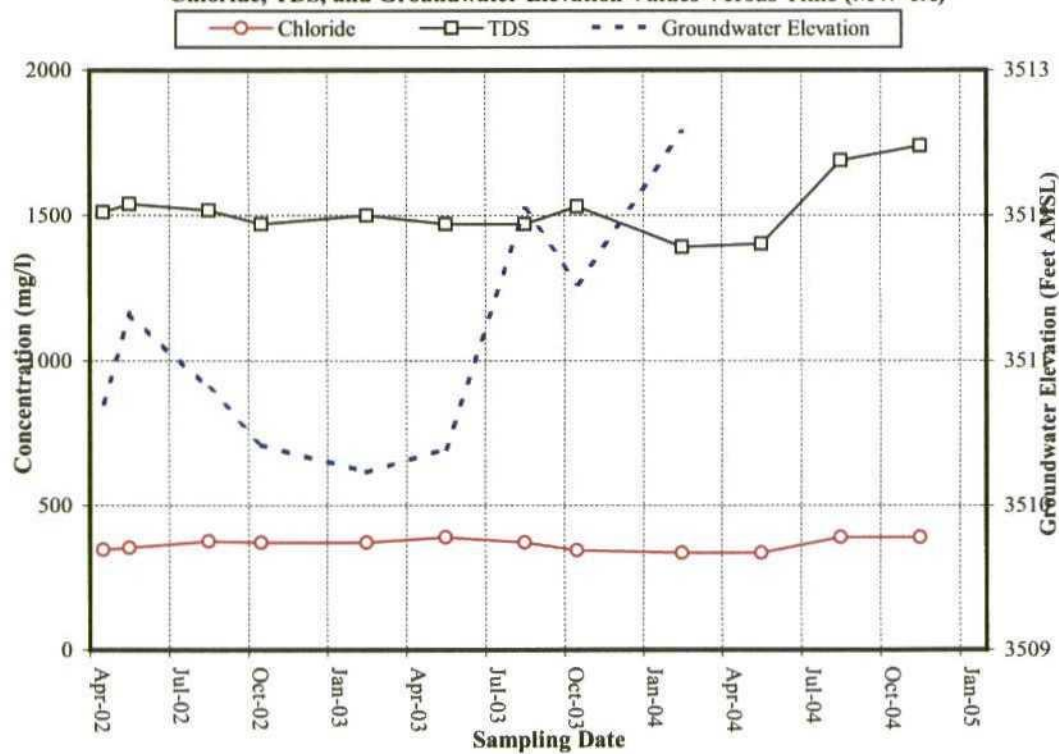
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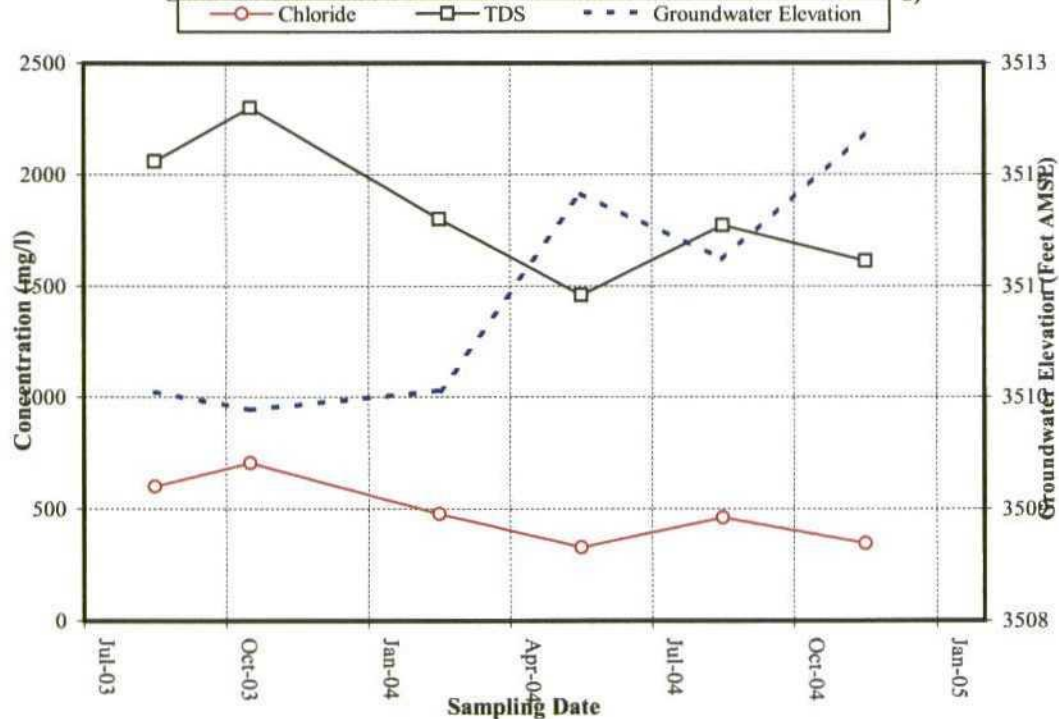
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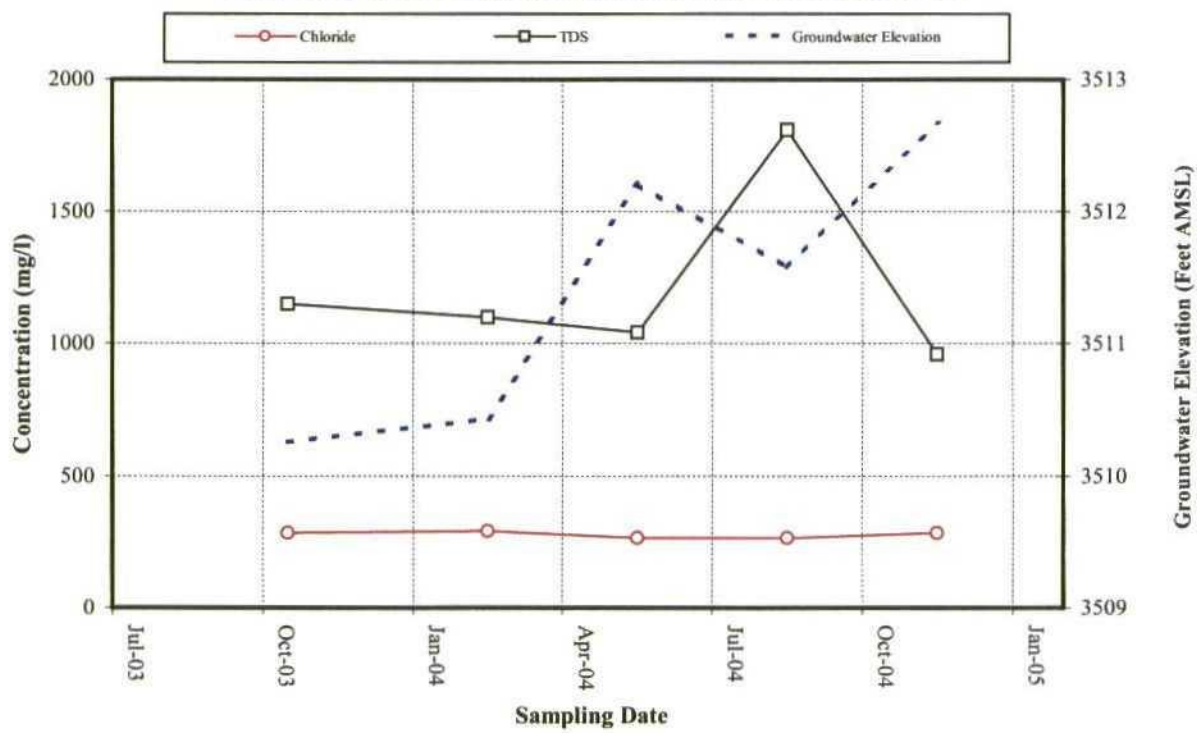
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**Chloride, TDS, and Groundwater Elevation Values Versus Time (MW-1A)**



**Figure 3**  
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**Figure 6**  
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RE: REDWOOD TANK CLOSURE REPORT FOR EME SWD FACILITY M-9  
Letter M, Sec. 9, T20S, R37E  
Lea County, New Mexico  
NMOCD Case # 1R0331

Mr. Price:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) petitions the NMOCD for closure of the excavation portion of the below grade redwood tanks site at the Eumont Monument Eunice (EME) Salt Water Disposal Facility SWD Well M-9, located in Unit Letter M, Sec 9, T20S, R37E, Lea County, NM.

ROC is the service provider (operator) for the EME Salt Water Disposal System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipeline, well or facility. The EME System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Partners, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis. Closure projects require System Partner AFE approval and work begins as funds are received. The System Partners approved the Closure Project for the SWD M-9 Facility and work was started in January 2002.

The final excavation of the redwood tanks site resulted in TPH and BTEX levels at bottom and sides that are below the recommended guidelines for vadose zone impact when a Total Ranking Score is 20. Groundwater in this area is 18 feet bgs. The sampling results are attached. All closure samples were verified by a certified lab.

This facility is located on Fee Land owned by SW Cattle Company. The 2 acre site lease agreement has been in effect since 1989 and will continue until 2009.

ROC proposes to install a monitor well at this site to monitor groundwater constituents. The proposal includes sampling the groundwater for two years and testing for major cations and anions as well as BTEX. ROC will submit an annual report on the sampling results to the NMOCD by the first of March of the subsequent year. Three samples were taken from the sacrificed monitor well at this site in 2002. The results averaged 360 ppm chlorides and 1523 ppm TDS, with BTEX levels under NMOCD guidelines. Foreseeable future use of the groundwater in this area is limited to agriculture, including livestock watering.

ROC is applying for closure of the excavation at the M-9 Facility and is submitting the Excavation Closure Report and supplemental collected data. Thank you for your consideration of this closure request.

If you have any questions, please call.

RICE OPERATING COMPANY



Donnie Anderson  
Project Leader – Environmental

Enclosures      Excavation Closure Report M-9 SWD Facility

Cc: CDH,file,	Mr. Chris Williams	Trent Stradley
	NMOCD, district 1 Office	SW Cattle Company
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Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: NOTIFICATION OF GROUNDWATER IMPACT  
EUNICE MONUMENT EUMONT (EME) SWD SYSTEM, M-9 SWD FACILITY  
Unit Letter M, Sec. 9, T20S, R37E, Lea County, NM  
NMOCD Case # 1R0331

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 M-9 SWD Facility site qualifies for this notification. The remediation of this site may fall under NM Rule 19 procedures.

The M-9 SWD Facility is part of the Redwood Tank Replacement/Closure Plan scheduled for 2002. Impact of the vadose zone was delineated by 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
M-9 SWD	M	9	20S	37E	348	1,512	<0.002

The results demonstrate chlorides and TDS are in excess of the WQCC standards. Groundwater in this area is 21' bgs.

The replacement/closure plan for this site was submitted to the NMOCD and assigned Case # 1R0331. The plan is presently under review for revision. We will schedule all major events with a 48 hour advance notification to the NMOCD. We anticipate the closure report for this site to be completed in September 2002.

ROC is the service provider (operator) for the EME Salt Water Disposal System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipelines, wells or facilities. The EME 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 the M-9 SWD Facility.

RICE OPERATING COMPANY



Donnie Anderson  
Project Leader-Environmental

Cc: LBG, CDH, SC, file      Mr. Chris Williams  
   NMOCD, District 1 Office  
   1625 N. French Drive  
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## Price, Wayne

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**From:** Price, Wayne  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 17, 2001 3:58 PM  
**To:** 'riceswd@leaco.net'  
**Cc:** Sheeley, Paul; Johnson, Larry  
**Subject:** Redwood Tank and Pit closures

**Contacts:** Carolyn Doran Haynes

The OCD is in receipt of the following closure plans and have assigned them the following case numbers. Please provide final closure reports for OCD approval for these sites by June 30, 2002.

M-33 OCD Case # 1R0329  
F-35 OCD Case # 1R0330  
M-9 OCD Case # 1R0331  
G-35 OCD Case # 1R0332  
H-2 OCD Case # 1R0333

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
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February 23, 2000

Mr. Wayne Price  
NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau  
2040 S. Pacheco  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Revision: Generic Closure Plan for Existing Pits and Below-Grade Redwood Tanks

Mr. Price:

As discussed in our telephone conversation February 22, Rice Operating Company (ROC) is submitting a further revision of the generic work plan for closing redwood tanks and emergency overflow pits that are presently inventoried in the ROC-operated SWD systems in Lea County. (ROC has no ownership of pipelines, wells, or facilities. Each system is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Partners, who provide operating capital based on percent ownership or usage. Closure projects require AFE approval and work begins as funds are received.)

The revisions ROC proposes involve the on-site disposal of non-impacted concrete when practical and the use of a compacted clay layer rather than poly-liner for lining excavations. Also proposed is a revision to the closure procedure, adding an OCD verbal approval step in order for ROC to timely continue with installation of new surface facilities.

Closure reports for two locations, F-29 (two-year sampling of groundwater) and H-35 (closed), have been processed with the OCD. The P-25 location closure report has been submitted. Locations C-2 and L-21 are in remediation activity right now and Donna Williams has visited both sites. The C-2 site excavation will be managed with RE Environmental and the L-21 site will be managed with Whole Earth. ROC expects to be able to schedule final sampling for early March at both sites. The AFE has been approved for two additional sites in the Eunice-Monument-Eumont area with work start-up planned for early summer.

Thank you for your consideration of these revisions. If you have any questions, please call.



Carolyn Doran Haynes  
Operations Engineer

Cc KH; file; Ms. Donna Williams, OCD District I, Hobbs, NM

## Closure Plan for Below Grade Redwood Tank

1. Submit C-103 form to NMOCD along with the site-specific location, site assessment, work plan, time schedule, sampling and testing plan, etc., all pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.
2. Procure soil samples from 3' below bottom of tanks (9-11' below grade) at tank sides.
  - A. If soil samples are < 100ppm TPH and < 250ppm Chlorides, proceed to Step 4.
  - B. If soil samples are > 100ppm THP or > 250ppm Chlorides, proceed to Step 3.
3. Delineate any portion of tank site that is > 100ppm TPH or > 250ppm Chlorides with a backhoe or soil boring machine, obtaining samples for field and lab analysis at 5' intervals.
  - A. When field analysis of bored-sample determines < 100ppm TPH and < 250ppm Cl, boring will be suspended pending laboratory analysis confirmation. Proceed to Step 4.
  - B. If these parameter levels are not identified, then boring and sampling will continue to ground water. Upon reaching groundwater, the borehole will be cased and developed. Ground water samples will be procured and tested for major cations and anions, TDS and BETX levels. If ground water is found to exceed the WQCC standards, NMOCD will be notified immediately and the closure plan will move into Rule 19 procedures.
4. Write AFE to System Partners as directed by results of delineation of redwood tank site and of emergency pit (if both are at facility). Await approval and funding for site closing.
5. Move onto SWD facility site with temporary tank system. Re-route fluid flow from below grade redwood tanks into the temporary tank system. Plumb to SWD well.
6. Empty and clean redwood tanks, properly disposing of any BS & W. Excavate sides of redwood tanks to allow for working space to manipulate tank support banding. Remove redwood tanks reserving boards for proper disposal.
7. Excavate ramp into redwood tank hole. Remove and properly dispose of concrete base if impacted. If concrete is not impacted, use as fill (below plow depth) in excavation area.
8. Remove impacted soil (as practical) to eliminate hot spots; dispose per NMOCD guidelines.
9. Procure random 5-point composite bottom sample from 3' below tank bottom and random 4-point composite side sample for lab TPH, Benzene, and BTEX testing.
  - A. If <100ppm TPH; BTEX, Benzene <10ppm; <250ppm Chlorides; proceed to Step 11.
  - B. If >100ppm TPH; BTEX, Benzene >10ppm; >250ppm Chlorides; in the vadose zone but not reaching groundwater, proceed to Step 10.
10. Evaluate site for risk assessment: delineate to assess depth and horizontal extent of impact corresponding to NMOCD guidelines for site assessment value; excavate bottom and sides as practical to minimize risk; install compacted clay liner to meet or exceed 95% of a Proctor Test ASTM-D-698 with permeability (hydraulic conductivity) equal or less than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec for containment/isolation of impact.
11. Discuss results/risk assessment with NMOCD for verbal approval to proceed with backfill/installation of new tanks and plumbing within engineered secondary containment system.
12. Apply to NMOCD for closure of redwood tank site per NMOCD guidelines and site results.

## Closure Plan for Permitted Emergency Pits

1. Submit C-103 form to NMOCD along with the site-specific location, site assessment, work plan, time schedule, sampling and testing plan, etc., all pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.
2. Remove and properly dispose of visibly contaminated soil pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.
3. Procure soil samples from surface and 3' below excavation bottom and excavation sides.
  - A. If soil samples are < 100ppm TPH and < 250ppm Chlorides, proceed to Step 6.
  - B. If soil samples are > 100ppm THP or > 250ppm Chlorides, proceed to Step 4.
4. Delineate any portion of excavation that is > 100ppm TPH or > 250ppm Chlorides with a backhoe or soil boring machine, obtaining samples for field and lab analysis at 5' intervals.
  - A. When field analysis of bored-sample determines < 100ppm TPH and < 250ppm Cl, boring will be suspended pending laboratory analysis confirmation. Proceed to Step 5.
  - B. If these parameter levels are not identified, then boring and sampling will continue to ground water. Upon reaching groundwater, the borehole will be cased and developed. Ground water samples will be procured and tested for major cations and anions, TDS and BETX levels. If ground water is found to exceed the WQCC standards, NMOCD will be notified immediately and the closure plan will move into Rule 19 procedures.
5. Write AFE to System Partners as directed by results of delineation of redwood tank site and of emergency pit (if both are at facility). Await approval and funding for site closing
6. Remove impacted soil (as practical) to eliminate hot spots; dispose per NMOCD guidelines.
7. Procure random 5-point composite bottom sample and random 4-point composite side sample for laboratory TPH, Benzene, and BTEX testing.
  - A. If <100ppm TPH; BTEX, Benzene <10ppm; <250ppm Chlorides; proceed to Step 9.
  - B. If >100ppm TPH; BTEX, Benzene >10ppm; >250ppm Chlorides; in the vadose zone but not reaching groundwater, proceed to Step 8.
8. Evaluate site for risk assessment: delineate to assess depth and horizontal extent of impact corresponding to NMOCD guidelines for site assessment value; excavate bottom and sides as practical to minimize risk; install compacted clay liner to meet or exceed 95% of a Proctor Test ASTM-D-698 with permeability (hydraulic conductivity) equal or less than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec for containment/isolation of impact.
9. Discuss results/risk assessment with NMOCD for verbal approval to proceed with backfill.
10. Apply to NMOCD for closure of permitted emergency pit site per NMOCD guidelines and site results.

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February 6, 2001

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RE: EME SWD Facility M-9 Upgrade  
SW/4 SW/4, Section 9-T20S-R37E  
Lea County, NM

Dear Mr. Stradley:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) appreciates opportunities to work with landowners such as you in order to optimize and improve our operation. It is our goal to keep you informed of situations that arise during routine operations concerning the land that we lease for our facility sites.

This letter is regarding the 2-acre leased area located at SW/4 SW/4, Section 9-T20S-R37E, Lea County, NM, where ROC operates the M-9 Disposal Facility for the Eunice-Monument-Eumont (EME) Salt Water Disposal System. The Lease on this land is current.

ROC will begin upgrading the M-9 Facility in September of 2001 with new fiberglass tanks. The original redwood tanks will be eliminated and removed from the facility. The area surrounding the tank site will be evaluated for environmental impact and will be remediated to levels designated and/or approved by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD). As remediation activities progress, ROC will periodically update you and invites you to visit the site. ROC will contact you for information pertaining to replacement soils.

At the completion of this upgrade, a copy of the NMOCD Closure Report will be forwarded to you. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about this upgrade, please don't hesitate to call me at the above phone number.

Sincerely,

Rice Operating Company



Carolyn Doran Haynes  
Operations Engineer

cc LBG, DA, file, NMOCD(2)