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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 07, 2010 1:13 PM  
**To:** 'Hack Conder'  
**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; 'Marvin Burrows'; 'Scott Curtis'  
**Subject:** AP-44 Termination (ROC EME H-13 Leak Site)

**RE: Termination Request for the Rice Operating Company's  
EME H-13 Leak Site  
Unit Letter H, Section 13, T20S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico  
Abatement Plan (AP-44) Termination**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Rice Operating Company's reports and requests to close the above-referenced site (dated February 19, 2010 and March 18, 2010). The reports are acceptable to the OCD. However, the material used to plug the groundwater monitoring wells must be a cement grout with 1% to 3% bentonite or other plugging material approved by the OCD. Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report within 90 days of receipt of this notice.

The above-referenced reports, 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 reports and hereby notifies you that the abatement plan (AP-44) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.30.19.B NMAC.

Please be advised that OCD approval of these reports 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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