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**GENERAL
CORRESPONDENCE**

YEAR(S):

1998 - RICE

LOV. WELL FIELD



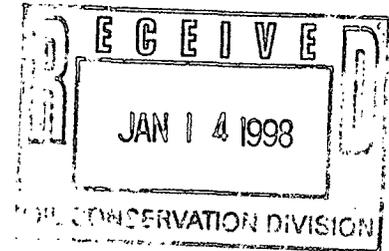
**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
DISTRICT I HOBBS
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Jennifer A. Salisbury
CABINET SECRETARY

January 10, 1998

Mr. F. Wesley Root
Rice Operating Company (ROC)
122 West Taylor
Hobbs, NM 88240



Re: C-141 Abo SWD System
N-sec32-Ts16s-R37e

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) is in receipt of the above referenced subsequent report. Please note the report is marked as an initial report, thus indicating ROC still requires investigation and remediation.

After reviewing the location of the leak it appears the leak was close to the city of Lovington's fresh water well field. Please submit to this office within 30 days of receipt of this letter a site assessment of the area pursuant to the NMOCD Guidelines, an action plan to determine the contaminants of concern, the vertical extent of the contamination, and a work plan for the remediation of the affected area.

Upon receiving this plan NMOCD will approve as is or with conditions.

If you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to call (505-393-6161) or write this office.

Sincerely Yours,

Wayne Price-Environmental Engineer

cc: Chris Williams-NMOCD District I Supervisor
Roger Anderson-Environmental Bureau Chief, Santa Fe, NM
Bill Olson-Environmental Bureau, Santa Fe, NM

attachments- c-141 initial report.

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 2040 South Pacheco Street
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
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Submit 2 copies to
 Appropriate District
 Office in accordance
 with Rule 116 on
 back side of form

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

Initial Report Final Report

Name Rice Operating Company	Contact Ron Anderson
Address 122 West Taylor Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No. (505)393-9174
Facility Name Abo SWD System	Facility Type SWD Disposal Line

Surface Owner State	Mineral Owner	Lease No.
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
N	32	16S	37E					Lea

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Production Water	Volume of Release 350	Volume Recovered 60
Source of Release Pipeline	Date and Hour of Occurrence 1/9/98 8:30am	Date and Hour of Discovery 1/9/98 8:30am
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Sylvia	
By Whom? Ron Anderson	Date and Hour 1/9/98 3:17 pm	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

Cause of Problem: Failure of repair clamp
 Remedial Action taken: Replace clamp

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

Area Affected: Approx. 23,780 square feet
 Clean up action taken: Removed all free standing water and let it dry out.

Describe General Conditions Prevailing (Temperature, Precipitation, etc).*

Clear and 50°F

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Signature: *F. Wesley Root*

Printed Name: F. Wesley Root
 Title: Operations Manager

Approved by
 District Supervisor

Approval Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Date: 1/9/98 Phone: 393-9174

Conditions of Approval:

Attached

* Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary

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