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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. 5051 4553

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

Re: Redwood Tank Closure Report for EME SWD Facility M-33
Unit Letter M, Sec. 33, T20S, R37E

Dear Ms. Haynes:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) is in receipt of Rice Operating Company's (ROC) closure letter and report dated November 08, 2000. The NMOCD hereby approves of the closure report.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this closure plan does not relieve Rice Operating Company of responsibility should their closure activities have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve Rice Operating Company of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions please call me at 505-827-7155.

Sincerely;

Wayne Price-Pet. Engr. Spec.

Cc: OCD Hobbs Office

Attachments-