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March 7, 2007

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

**RE: Hobbs SWD Jct E-32-2 Site
Unit Letter E, Section 32, T18S, R38E, Lea County, New Mexico
Remediation Plan (1R0428-66) Termination**

Dear Ms. Haynes:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the closure report for the Hobbs SWD Jct E-32-2 site, dated December 21, 2006, 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 (1R0428-66) 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

WP:EJH:ejh

cc: Chris Williams; OCD; Hobbs District Office
Randall T. Hicks, R.T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd., Albuquerque

Price, Wayne, EMNRD

12-422-66

From: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 1:46 PM
To: 'Gilbert Van Deventer'
Subject: RE: ICP for E-33-1 Junction Box, B-32 Boot, E-32-1 Junction Box, E-32-2 Junction Box, F-33 Vent

Approved!

From: Gilbert Van Deventer [mailto:gilbertvandeventer@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 4:18 PM
To: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: Re: ICP for E-33-1 Junction Box, B-32 Boot, E-32-1 Junction Box, E-32-2 Junction Box, F-33 Vent

Wayne

We were unable to make the August 31st deadline for the 5 sites in section 32 & 33 (T18S-R38E) for several reasons. I am preparing a progress report to give you the status of where we are at with each site and will forward that to you next week. I will also include a summary of the analytical and other pertinent information. I apologize for not making you aware of this problem sooner. Unfortunately, we experienced several delays with surveys, lab data reports, confirmatory monitoring well sampling and the lab results, and work load issues. There is a quite a bit of data to compile, review, analyze, and evaluate before we can provide you a complete and meaningful *Corrective Action Plan (CAP)* by the August 31st deadline. While drafting CAPs they will also require enough time to go through several phases of QA/QC and review by several staff members within the appropriate entities (ROC, Oxy, RT Hicks). That being said we ask permission to extend the deadline to December 31, 2006. Sorry to have to make this request but I believe it works in the best interests of all involved.

Thanks,

Gil Van Deventer

432.638.8740

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

From: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
To: Gilbert Van Deventer
Cc: Randall Hicks ; Kristin Pope
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2006 12:34 PM
Subject: RE: ICP for E-33-1 Junction Box, B-32 Boot, E-32-1 Junction Box, E-32-2 Junction Box, F-33 Vent

Approved.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this plan does not relieve the owner/operator of Responsibility should their operations fail 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 the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

From: Gilbert Van Deventer [mailto:gilbertvandeventer@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2006 10:38 AM

9/26/2006

To: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Cc: Randall Hicks; Kristin Pope
Subject: Re: ICP for E-33-1 Junction Box, B-32 Boot, E-32-1 Junction Box, E-32-2 Junction Box, F-33 Vent

Wayne

Due to the late availability of a drilling contractor and access issues we respectfully request a 90-day extension for submission of the ICP report for the following sites:

jct. E-33-1 (1R0428-67)	E	33	18S	38E
B-32 boot (1R0428-57)	B	32	18S	38E
jct. E-32-1 (1R0428-65)	E	32	18S	38E
jct. E-32-2 (1R0428-66)	E	32	18S	38E
F-33 vent (1R0428-58)	F	33	18S	38E

We completed much of the field work (drilling and soil sampling) the week of May 1st, however we need additional time to review, compile, analyze, and assimilate the data into the subsequent Corrective Action Plan. We also are still in the process of scheduling and completing additional field work (monitoring well sampling and surveying) and waiting on laboratory analytical results. One exception is noted: We did not perform boring/sampling activities at the F-33 Vent site because we did not have drill rig availability. Since that particular site does not have ANY preliminary sampling data, unlike the others, ROC will first perform sampling activities using a backhoe. At this time that site has no preliminary data to suggest corrective action is necessary. It may be that after those activities no further action will be warranted, however if they are we plan to proceed with the ICP plan for the F-33 Vent site just as we are with the other sites in section 32 and 33.

That being said, we seek authorization for a 90 day extension for the CAP report deadline from May 31, 2006 to August 31, 2006.

Please acknowledge via email if you accept this request.

Thank you!
 Gil

Gilbert J. Van Deventer, PG, REM
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----- Original Message -----

From: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
To: gil@rthicksconsult.com
Cc: Carolyn Doran Haynes ; Kristin Farris Pope

9/26/2006

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 11:44 AM

Subject: RE: ICP for E-33-1 Junction Box, B-32 Boot, E-32-1 Junction Box, E-32-2 Junction Box, F-33 Vent

OCD hereby approves of the Investigation activities for the following facilities:

Investigation Characterization Plan: T18S R38E: E-33-1 Junction Box,
B-32 Boot, E-32-1 Junction Box, E-32-2 Junction Box, F-33 Vent
Hobbs Salt Water Disposal System

Please Notify the OCD Santa Fe office and the OCD District office at least 48 hours in advance of all scheduled activities such that the OCD has the opportunity to witness the events and/or split samples during OCD's normal business hours.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this plan does not relieve ROC of Responsibility should their operations fail 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 ROC of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

A final report with recommendations shall be submitted by May 31, 2006.

From: Gil Van Deventer [mailto:gil@rthicksconsult.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 4:11 PM

To: Price, Wayne, EMNRD

Subject: ICP for E-33-1 Junction Box, B-32 Boot, E-32-1 Junction Box, E-32-2 Junction Box, F-33 Vent

Wayne:

In light of our recent meeting in Hobbs regarding projects with Rice operating I wanted to follow up and see what the status is for the following workplan which was submitted on January 20th:

Investigation Characterization Plan: T18S R38E: E-33-1 Junction Box,
B-32 Boot, E-32-1 Junction Box, E-32-2 Junction Box, F-33 Vent
Hobbs Salt Water Disposal System

I understand you may be swamped with reviewing other projects but we are anxious to proceed with further characterization of these sites.

Thanks,
Gil

Gilbert J. Van Deventer

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