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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 11:18 AM  
**To:** 'Hack Conder'  
**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; 'Katie Jones'; lpg@texerra.com  
**Subject:** Soil Closure Approval (1R425-03) - ROC Vacuum K-35-1 Boot Site

**RE: Remediation Termination Request  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
Vacuum K-35-1 Boot Site  
Unit Letter K, Section 35, T17S, R35E, Lea County, New Mexico  
Soil Closure Approval (1R425-03)**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Rice Operating Company's (ROC) the Remediation Termination Request for the Remediation Plan (1R425-03) for the Vacuum K-35-1 Boot Site, dated September 15, 2011. The above-referenced report, submitted in fulfillment of 19.15.29 NMAC (Rule 29, formally, Rule 116), indicates that Rice Operating Company (ROC) has partially met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC for this site. Therefore, the OCD hereby conditionally approves the soil closure for the Vacuum K-35-1 Boot Site and no further soil remediation is required for this site.

The Vacuum K-35-1 Boot Site is still active under Remediation Plan, 1R425-03, and ROC must continue to monitor for chloride in groundwater at wells (MW-2, MW-3 and MW-4) at least on a semi-annual basis. Please submit a report with the monitoring results to the OCD on an annual basis.

Please be advised that OCD partial approval of this request 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact at 505-476-3489.

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