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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2012 3:13 PM  
**To:** 'Hack Conder'  
**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; 'Katie Jones'; 'Laura Pena'; 'shall@arcadis-us.com'; 'Scott Curtis'  
**Subject:** Abatement Plan (AP-43) Termination - ROC EME A-20 Site

**RE: Remediation Termination Request and 2011 Annual Groundwater Report  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
EME A-20 Site  
Unit Letter A, Section 20, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico  
Abatement Plan (AP-43) Termination**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Rice Operating Company's (ROC) report and request to close the above-referenced site (dated March 30, 2012). The report is acceptable to the OCD. Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report the groundwater monitoring wells (MW-1, MW-2, MW-3, and MW-4) within 60 days of receipt of this notice.

The above-referenced report, 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 report and hereby notifies you that the abatement plan (AP-43) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.30.19.B NMAC.

Please be advised that OCD 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, 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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