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Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 11:06 AM
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Subject: Remediation Plan (1R425-42) Termination - ROC Vacuum Jct P-27 Site

**RE: Termination Request
for the Rice Operating Company's
Vacuum Jct P-27 Site
Unit Letter P, Section 27, T17S, R35E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Remediation Plan (1R425-42) Termination**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Rice Operating Company's report and request to close the above-referenced site, dated May 4, 2012 (received May 14, 2012) and the additional field analytical data received May 15, 2012. The report is acceptable to the OCD.

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC (Rule 29; formally, Rule 116), indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the remediation plan (1R425-42) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.29 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.

Edward J. Hansen
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

RICE *Operating Company*

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May 4, 2012

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Mr. Edward Hansen
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RE: Termination Request
Vacuum Jct. P-27 (1R425-42): UL/P, Sec. 27, T17S, R35E
RICE Operating Company – Vacuum SWD System

Mr. Hansen:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) is the service provider (agent) for the abandoned Vacuum Saltwater Disposal (SWD) System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipeline, well, or facility. The System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

Background

In 2007, ROC initiated work on the former P-27 junction box as part of the system abandonment. The site is located in UL/P, Sec. 27, T17S, R35E. NM OSE records indicate that groundwater would likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 85 +/- feet. The site was delineated using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals, creating a 9x3x9-ft deep excavation. Each sample was field titrated for chlorides and field screened using a PID for hydrocarbons, resulting in low concentrations of each. The 9-ft sample was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH, resulting in a chloride concentration of 240 mg/kg, a concentration of gasoline range organics (GRO) below detectable limits, and a diesel range organics (DRO) concentration of 500 mg/kg. The excavated soil was returned to the excavation to ground surface. Clean, imported soil was used as a top cap and to contour the site to the surrounding area. On 8/29/2007, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation and is expected to return to a productive capacity at a normal rate. The junction box final report, photo documentation, laboratory analysis, and PID sheet are attached.

Recommendations

Site investigation demonstrates that residual chloride and hydrocarbons in the vadose zone will not with reasonable probability contaminate groundwater in excess of NMOCD standards. This site meets the requirements of the NMOCD-approved Revised Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan (July 16, 2003). As such, ROC request termination of the regulatory file, or similar closure status.

Please contact me at (575)393-9174 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this site. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
RICE Operating Company

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Conder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hack Conder
Environmental Manager

enclosures

**RICE OPERATING COMPANY
JUNCTION BOX FINAL REPORT**

BOX LOCATION

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	NEW BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
Vacuum	Jct. P-27	P	27	17S	35ED	Lea	Length	Width	Depth
no box; System abandonment									

LAND TYPE: BLM _____ STATE X FEE LANDOWNER _____ OTHER _____

Depth to Groundwater 85 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 10

Date Started 8/17/2007 Date Completed 8/29/2007 NMOCD Witness no

Soil Excavated 9 cubic yards Excavation Length 9 Width 3 Depth 9 feet

Soil Disposed 0 cubic yards Offsite Facility n/a Location n/a

FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS: Sample Date 8/20/2007 Sample Depth 9 ft

TPH and chloride laboratory test results completed by using an approved laboratory and testing procedures pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.

CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS

Sample Location	PID (field) ppm	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chloride mg/kg
GRAB @ 9 ft BGS	33.5	<10.0	500.0	240

LOCATION	DEPTH (ft)	ppm
trench at former junction	9	367

General Description of Remedial Action:

This junction box was addressed as part of the Vacuum SWD System abandonment. After the box lumber was removed and the pipelines were capped, a delineation trench was made at the site to collect soil samples. Excavation was difficult due to hard caliche rock but the trench was extended to 9 ft BGS. Chloride field tests were conducted on the samples and yielded very low concentrations. Organic vapors were measured and also yielded very low concentrations. The grab samples from the deepest part of the trench (9 ft) was sent to a laboratory for confirmation and TPH analysis. TPH results meet NMOCD guidelines. The excavated soil was returned to the trench and the remainder of the hole (from removal of the junction box) was backfilled with clean, imported soil which was also spread on the surface to encourage regrowth. The surface was seeded with a blend of native vegetation on 8/29/2007 and is expected to return to productive capacity at a normal rate.

enclosures: photos, lab results, PID field screenings

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SITE SUPERVISOR Roy Rascon SIGNATURE Roy S. Rascon COMPANY RICE Operating Company

REPORT ASSEMBLED BY Kristin Farris Pope SIGNATURE Kristin Farris Pope
DATE 11/1/2007 TITLE Project Scientist

Vacuum jct. P-27

Unit P, Sec. 27, T17S, R35E



undisturbed junction box

8/22/2005



9-ft delineation trench prior to backfill

8/21/2007



spreading imported soil

8/29/2007



seeding

8/29/2007



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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
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RICE OPERATING
HOBBS NM

Receiving Date: 08/20/07
Reporting Date: 08/23/07
Project Number: NOT GIVEN
Project Name: VAC JCT P-27
Project Location: NOT GIVEN

Sampling Date: 08/20/07
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: HM
Analyzed By: BC/HM

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LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO (C ₆ -C ₁₀) (mg/Kg)	DRO (C ₁₀ -C ₂₈) (mg/Kg)	CI* (mg/Kg)
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ANALYSIS DATE	08/21/07	08/21/07	08/21/07
H13137-1 SOURCE @ 9' BGS GRAB	<10.0	500	240
Quality Control	791	789	500
True Value QC	800	800	500
% Recovery	98.8	98.6	100
Relative Percent Difference	4.4	3.6	2.0

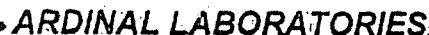
METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; CI: Std. Methods 4500-CIB
*Analysis performed on a 1:4 w:v aqueous extract.

Bernard R. Cook
Chemist, AI

8/23/07
Date

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Relinquished By:		Date: <i>8/24/07</i>	Received By:	REMARKS: <i>E-Mail to JPURVIS & PRASCOA @ RISE S&D.COM</i>
		Time:	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Delivered By: (Circle One) Sampler - UPS - Bus - Other:		Sample Condition Cool: Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No	CHECKED BY: (Initials)	

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PID METER CALIBRATION & FIELD REPORT FORM

CK.	
MODEL	
NO.	X

MODEL: PGM 7600	SERIAL NO: 110-013676
MODEL: PGM 7600	SERIAL NO: 110-013744
MODEL: PGM 7600	SERIAL NO: 110-012383
MODEL: PGM 7600	SERIAL NO: 110-012920

GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE 100PPM / AIR: BALANCE.

LOT NO : 06-3079	EXPIRATION DATE: 3-6-07
FILL DATE: 3-16-07	METER READING ACCURACY: 100.0

ACCURACY : +/- 2%

SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWN SHIP	RANGE
VAC	P-27	P	27	17S	35E

SAMPLE ID	PID	SAMPLE ID	PID
VERT @ SOURCE @1'			
2'			
3'			
4'			
5'			
6'			
7'	34.9		
8'	35		
9'	33.5		
10'			
11'			
12'			

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I verify that I have calibrated the above instrument in accordance to the manufacture operation manual.

SIGNATURE:

Ray R. RASCO

DATE: 8-20-07

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From: Laura Pena <lpena@riceswd.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 4:13 PM
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Subject: Vacuum Jct. P-27 (1R425-42)
Attachments: Vacuum Jct. P-27 (1R425-42) Vertical Data.pdf

Mr. Hansen,

Attached is the vertical data for the Vacuum Jct. P-27 (1R425-42) site as requested.

If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact Hack Conder at (575) 631-6432.

Thank you,
Laura Peña

Location: Vacuum Jct. P-27 (1R425-42)		
Depth to GW: 85'		Landowner: State
Vertical @ Source		
	Cl-	PID
1'		
2'		
3'		
4'		
5'		
6'	129	2.9
7'	134	34.9
8'	176	35
9'	367	33.5