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# **RICE** *Operating Company*

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May 1, 2012

Mr. Edward Hansen  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Termination Request  
EME L-5 EOL: UL/L, Sec. 5, T21S, R36E  
RICE Operating Company – Eunice Monument Eumont SWD System

Mr. Hansen:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) is the service provider (agent) for the EME 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 2011, ROC initiated work on the former L-5 EOL junction box. The site is located in UL/L, Sec. 5, T21S, R36E. NM OSE records indicate that groundwater would likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 162 +/- feet. The site was delineated using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals, creating a 3x7x9-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 <16 mg/kg, a gasoline range organics (GRO) concentration of <100 mg/kg, and diesel range organics (DRO) concentration of 397 mg/kg. The excavated soil was returned to the excavation and contoured to the surrounding area. On 11/3/2011, 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, PID sheet, chloride graph, and revegetation form 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 stylized flourish at the end.

Hack Conder  
Environmental Manager

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**RICE OPERATING COMPANY  
JUNCTION BOX FINAL REPORT**

**BOX LOCATION**

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
Eunice Monument Eumont (EME)	L-5 EOL	L	5	21S	36E	Lea	Length	Width	Depth
							Eliminated		

LAND TYPE: BLM \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ FEE LANDOWNER Millard Deck OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to Groundwater 162 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 0

Date Started 11/2/2011 Date Completed 11/3/2011 OCD Witness No

Soil Excavated 7.0 cubic yards Excavation Length 3 Width 7 Depth 9 feet

Soil Disposed None cubic yards Offsite Facility n/a Location n/a

**FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS:** Sample Date 11/2/2011 Sample Depth 9'

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

Sample Location	PID (field) ppm	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chloride mg/kg
SOURCE 9' GRAB	0.4	<100	397	<16

CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS		
LOCATION	DEPTH	mg/kg
background	6"	80
vertical delineation trench at the junction (source)	5'	114
	6'	120
	7'	87
	8'	152
	9'	110

**General Description of Remedial Action:** This junction and line were eliminated during the pipeline replacement/upgrade program. After the former junction box was removed, an investigation was conducted using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals creating a 3X7X9-ft. deep excavation. Chloride field tests performed on each sample yielded concentrations similar to that of the background sample. Organic vapors were measured using a PID, which yielded low concentrations. The deepest sample, 9 ft. BGS, was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH, which confirmed low concentrations of each. The excavation was backfilled with excavated soil to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area. On 11/3/2011, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation and is expected to return to a productive capacity at a normal rate.

enclosures: photos, lab results, PID (field) screenings, chloride graph, revegetation form

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

SITE SUPERVISOR Jacob Kamplain SIGNATURE [Signature]

REPORT  
ASSEMBLED BY Laura Peña SIGNATURE [Signature] COMPANY RICE OPERATING COMPANY

PROJECT LEADER Zach Conder SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 3-12-12

# EME L-5 EOL

Unit L, Section 5, T21S, R36E



Collecting sample, facing east

11.2.11



Backfilling site, facing east

11.2.11



Spreading seed, facing west

11.3.11



Site complete, facing north

11.3.11



PHONE (575) 393-2326 ° 101 E. MARLAND ° HOBBS, NM 88240

November 08, 2011

Hack Conder

Rice Operating Company

112 W. Taylor

Hobbs, NM 88240

RE: EME L-5 EOL

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 11/02/11 16:17.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP for:

Method SW-846 8021	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Total Xylenes
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Method TX 1005	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons

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Method EPA 524.4	Regulated VOCs (V2, V3)

Accreditation applies to public drinking water matrices.

This report meets NELAP requirements and is made up of a cover page, analytical results, and a copy of the original chain-of-custody. If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Celey D. Keene".

Celey D. Keene

Lab Director/Quality Manager

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**Analytical Results For:**

 Rice Operating Company  
 Hack Conder  
 112 W. Taylor  
 Hobbs NM, 88240  
 Fax To: (575) 397-1471

 Received: 11/02/2011  
 Reported: 11/08/2011  
 Project Name: EME L-5 EOL  
 Project Number: NOT GIVEN  
 Project Location: NOT GIVEN

 Sampling Date: 11/02/2011  
 Sampling Type: Soil  
 Sampling Condition: Cool & Intact  
 Sample Received By: Celey D. Keene

**Sample ID: SOURCE 9' (H102380-01)**

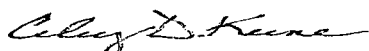
Chloride, SM4500CI-B			mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP				
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	<16.0	16.0	11/04/2011	ND	464	116	400	3.51	
TPH 8015M			mg/kg		Analyzed By: CK				
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
GRO C6-C10	<100	100	11/07/2011	ND	185	92.5	200	1.55	
DRO >C10-C28	397	100	11/07/2011	ND	218	109	200	0.781	
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Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	59.2 %	55.5-154							
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	82.2 %	57.6-158							

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Celey D. Keene, Lab Director/Quality Manager



**Notes and Definitions**

ND	Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
**	Samples not received at proper temperature of 6°C or below.
***	Insufficient time to reach temperature.
-	Chloride by SM4500Cl-B does not require samples be received at or below 6°C
	Samples reported on an as received basis (wet) unless otherwise noted on report

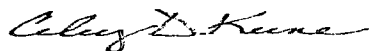
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# RICE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING & SAFETY

122 West Taylor Hobbs, NM 88240  
PHONE: (505) 393-9174 FAX: (505) 397-1471  
PID METER CALIBRATION & FIELD REPORT FORM

CK.		MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000508
MODEL		MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000504
NO.		MODEL: PGM 7320	SERIAL NO: 592-903318
	X	MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-001413
		MODEL: PGM 7600	SERIAL NO: 110-013744

GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE 100PPM / AIR: BALANCE

LOT NO: HAL-248-100-1	EXPIRATION: 7-1-2015
METER READING ACCURACY: 100 PPM	

ACCURACY : +/- 2%

<b>COMPANY</b>
Rice Operating Company

SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWN SHIP	RANGE
EME	L-5 EOL	L	5	21S	36E

SAMPLE ID	PID	SAMPLE ID	PID
BACKGROUND	0.6	SOURCE @ 5'	0.4
		6'	0.6
		7'	0.4
		8'	0.3
		9'	0.4

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

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 11/2/2011

## CHLORIDE CONCENTRATION CURVE

RICE Operating Company

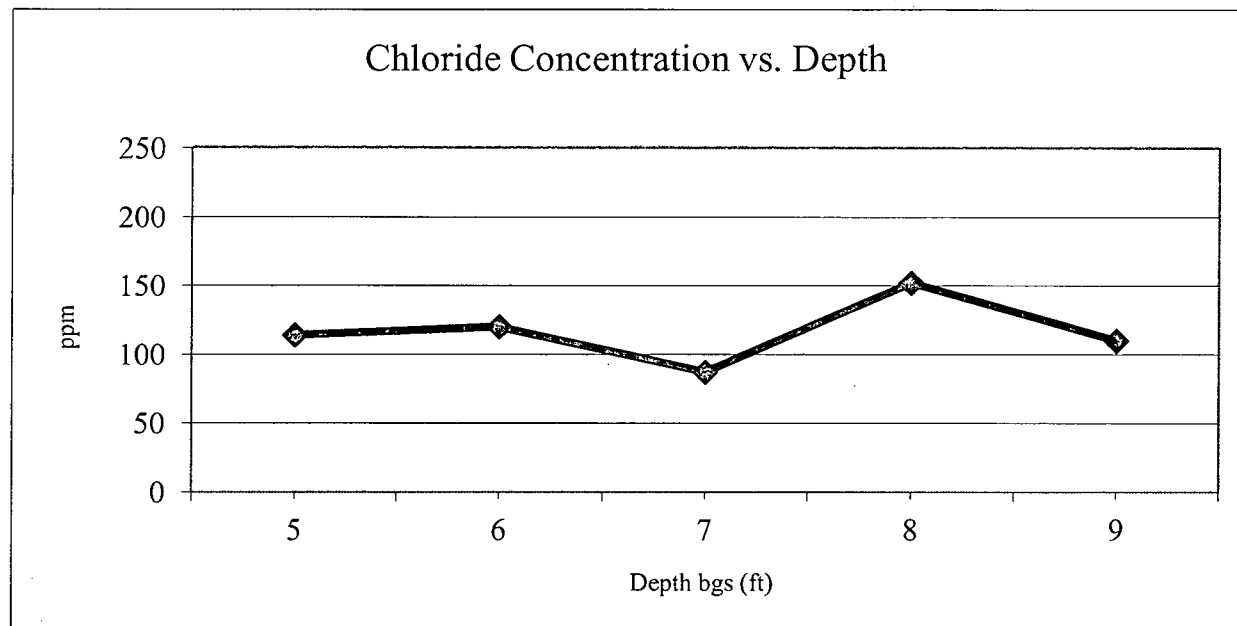
### EME L-5 EOL

Unit 'L', Sec. 5, T21S, R36E

*Backhoe samples at junction (source)*

Depth bgs (ft)	[Cl] ppm
5	114
6	120
7	87
8	152
9	110

Groundwater = 162 ft





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PO Box 5630  
Hobbs, NM 88241  
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## REVEGETATION FORM

### 1. General Information

Site name: EME L-5 EOL						
U/L L	Section 5	Township 21S	Range 36E	County LEA	Latitude 32°30.715'	Longitude 103°17.526'
Contact Name: Z. CONDER						
Email: ZCONDER@rice-ecs.com						
Site size: 528 square feet			Map detail of site attached <input type="checkbox"/>			
Additional information:						

### 2. Soils

*\*Do not rip caliche subsoils; caliche rocks brought to the surface by ripping shall be removed.*

Salvaged from site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bioremediated <input type="checkbox"/>	Imported <input type="checkbox"/>	Blended <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (in):
Texture: Describe soil & subsoil:				
Soil prep methods: Rip <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth(in):	Disc <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (in):	Rollerpack <input type="checkbox"/>
Date completed: 11 / 3 / 11				

### 3. Bioremediation

Fertilizer <input type="checkbox"/>	Hay <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Type: n/a		Describe:
Lbs/acre:		

### 4. Seeding

*\*Attach seed bag tags to this form. Seed bag tags shall contain the site name and S-T-R.*

Custom seed mix <input type="checkbox"/>	Prescribed mix <input type="checkbox"/>	Seed mix name: Blue grama 1lb	Seeding date: 11 / 03 / 11
Broadcast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Method: seed spreader			
Soil conditions during seeding: Dry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damp <input type="checkbox"/> Wet <input type="checkbox"/>			
Photos attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Observations:		
Number of photos:			

### 5. Certification

I hereby certify that the information in this form and attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Jacob Kamplain	Title: Environmental Specialist	Date: 11-3-11
Signature:		