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Subject:

**INVESTIGATION & CHARACTERIZATION PLAN (ICP)  
EME I-18 EOL  
Unit I, SEC. 18, T19S, R37E, Monument, Lea County, New Mexico  
NMOCD CASE # 1R427-367**

Date:  
June 5, 2012

Contact:  
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RICE Operating Company (ROC) has retained ARCADIS U.S., Inc. (ARCADIS) to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced site. The site was previously referred to as the EME P-18 EOL. However, the site name has changed to the EME I-18 EOL to match its geographical location. All future correspondence will reference I-18 EOL.

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ROC is the service provider (agent) for the EME 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. Environmental projects of this nature require System Party AFE approval prior to work commencing at the site. In general, project funding is not forthcoming until NMOCD approves the work plan. Therefore, your timely review of this submission is greatly appreciated.

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For all such environmental projects, ROC will choose the path forward that:

- Protects public health;
- Provides the greatest net environmental benefit;
- Complies with NMOCD rules; and
- Is supported by good science.

Each site shall generally have three submissions:

1. This Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP) is proposed for gathering data and site characterization and assessment.

2. Upon evaluating the data and results from the ICP, a recommended remedy will be submitted in a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), if warranted.
3. Finally, after implementing the remedy, a Termination Request with final documentation will be submitted.

### **Background and Previous Work**

The site is located approximately two and a half miles northwest of Monument, New Mexico as shown on the Site Location Map. Groundwater at the site will likely be encountered at a depth of 35 feet below ground surface (bgs). The junction box was eliminated and initial delineation was conducted from January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 through February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

A backhoe was used to excavate soils from an excavation measuring 10 feet by 10 feet by 12 feet deep around the former junction box. Soil samples were collected at regular intervals and analyzed in the field for chlorides using field-adapted Standard Method 4500-Cl<sup>-</sup>B and screened in the field using a photoionization detector (PID).

A five-point wall composite sample was collected from each of the four walls and combined to make a representative four-wall composite sample; and a five-point composite sample was collected from the bottom of the excavation and submitted to Cardinal Laboratories for gasoline range organics (GRO), diesel range organics (DRO) and chloride analysis. DRO was detected at a concentration of 1,100 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) in the four-wall composite sample and 1,780 mg/kg in the five-point bottom composite sample. GRO was detected at a concentration of 82.3 mg/kg in the four-wall composite sample and 76 mg/kg in the five-point bottom composite sample. Chlorides were detected at a concentration of 16 mg/kg in both the four-wall composite sample and the five-point composite bottom sample.

Based on the results of the soil sampling analytical results, elevated hydrocarbon concentrations are present at the subject site.

Excavated soils were blended on site and backfilled into the excavation to ground surface. The area was contoured to the surrounding landscape and seeded with a blend of native vegetation.

A sample of the blended backfill material was submitted to Cardinal Laboratories for GRO, DRO and chloride analysis. DRO was detected at a concentration of 1,080

mg/kg and GRO was detected at a concentration of 76.3 mg/kg. Chlorides were detected at a concentration of 16 mg/kg.

ROC disclosed potential groundwater impact at the site to New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) via e-mail on March 13, 2012. A disclosure report was submitted to NMOCD in the 2011 junction box closures and disclosures (Appendix A).

ROC proposes additional investigative work at the site to determine if there is a potential for hydrocarbon impacts to groundwater.

### **Proposed Work Elements**

- 1). Conduct vertical and lateral delineation of residual soil chlorides and hydrocarbons from samples taken using a drilling rig, hand auger, and/or backhoe.
  - a) Vertical sampling will be conducted until the following criteria are met in the field.
    - i) Three samples in which the chloride concentration decreases and the third sample has a chloride concentration of  $\leq 250$  mg/kg; and,
    - ii) Three samples in which PID readings decrease and the third sample has a PID reading of  $\leq 100$  ppm; or,
    - iii) The sampling reaches the capillary fringe.
  - b) Lateral sampling will be conducted until the following criteria are met in the field:
    - i) A decrease is observed in chloride concentrations between lateral bores at similar depths; and,
    - ii) A chloride reading of  $\leq 250$  mg/kg is observed in a lateral surface sample; or;
    - iii) Safety concerns impede further lateral delineation.
- 2) If warranted, install a monitor well to provide direct measurement of the potential groundwater impact at the site. (All monitor wells will be installed by EPA, NMOCD and industry standards.)

3) Evaluate the risk of groundwater impact based on information obtained.

If the evaluation of the site shows no potential impact to groundwater from residual TPH, only a vadose zone remedy will be undertaken. However, if groundwater shows impact from residual TPH, a CAP will be developed to address these concerns.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this proposed ICP. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Hack Conder or me.

Sincerely,

ARCADIS U.S., Inc.

*Sharon E. Hall*

Sharon E. Hall  
Associate Vice President

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Attachments:

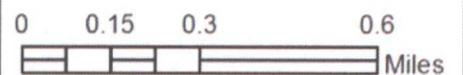
Site Location Map  
Appendix A- Junction Box Disclosure Report

# Site Location Map



## **EME I-18 EOL**

Legals: UL/I sec. 18  
T-19-S R-37-E  
LEA COUNTY, NM

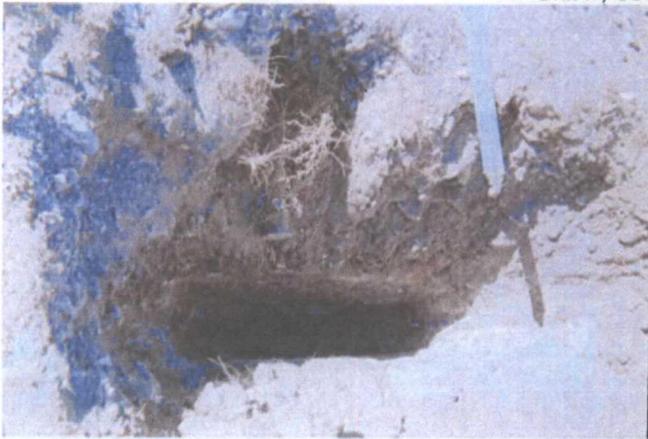


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Drafted by: L. Weinheimer



# EME P-18 EOL

Unit P, Section 18, T19S, R37E



Excavating site

1.26.11



Collecting sample

2.14.11



Blending backfill

2.14.11



Seeding site

3.2.12



February 18, 2011

Hack Conder  
Rice Operating Company  
112 W. Taylor  
Hobbs, NM 88240

RE: EME P-18 EOL (19/37)

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 02/15/11 8:09.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP for:

Method SW-846 8021	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Total Xylenes
Method SW-846 8260	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Total Xylenes
Method TX 1005	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons

Certificate number T104704398-08-TX. Accreditation applies to solid and chemical materials and non-potable water matrices.

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Method EPA 552.2	Haloacetic Acids (HAA-5)
Method EPA 524.2	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)
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,

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: 02/15/2011  
 Reported: 02/18/2011  
 Project Name: EME P-18 EOL (19/37)  
 Project Number: NONE GIVEN  
 Project Location: NOT GIVEN

Sampling Date: 02/14/2011  
 Sampling Type: Soil  
 Sampling Condition: Cool & Intact  
 Sample Received By: Jodi Henson

**Sample ID: 4 WALL COMP (H100299-01)**

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: LR						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	16.0	16.0	02/16/2011	ND	416	104	400	0.00		
TPH 8015M		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AB						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
GRO C6-C10	82.3	50.0	02/15/2011	ND	206	103	200	1.92		
DRO >C10-C28	1100	50.0	02/15/2011	ND	213	107	200	1.36		

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane 107% 70-130  
 Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane 104% 70-130

**Sample ID: 5 PT BOTTOM COMP (H100299-02)**

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: LR						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	16.0	16.0	02/16/2011	ND	416	104	400	0.00		
TPH 8015M		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AB						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
GRO C6-C10	76.0	50.0	02/15/2011	ND	206	103	200	1.92		
DRO >C10-C28	1780	50.0	02/15/2011	ND	213	107	200	1.36		

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane 110% 70-130  
 Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane 104% 70-130

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Celey D. Keene, Lab Director/Quality Manager

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

Received:	02/15/2011	Sampling Date:	02/14/2011
Reported:	02/18/2011	Sampling Type:	Soil
Project Name:	EME P-18 EOL (19/37)	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

**Sample ID: BLENDED BACKFILL COMP (H100299-03)**

Chloride, 5M4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: LR						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	16.0	16.0	02/16/2011	ND	416	104	400	0.00		

TPH 8015M		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AB						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
GRO C6-C10	76.3	50.0	02/15/2011	ND	206	103	200	1.92		
DRO >C10-C28	1080	50.0	02/15/2011	ND	213	107	200	1.36		

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane      105 %      70-130

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane      98.2 %      70-130

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**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 Operating Company

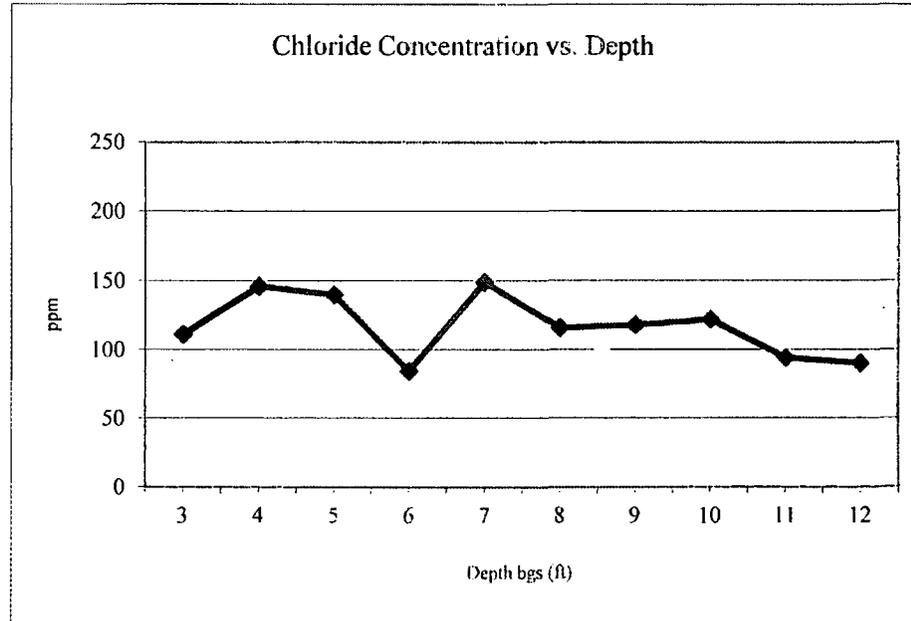
**EME P-18 EOL**

Unit 'P', Sec. 18, T19S, R37E

*Backhoe samples at junction (source)*

Depth bgs (ft)	[Cl <sup>-</sup> ] ppm
3	111
4	146
5	140
6	84
7	149
8	116
9	118
10	122
11	94
12	90

Groundwater = 35 ft





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## VEGETATION FORM

### 1. General Information

Site name: EME P-18 EOL						
U/L P	Section 18	Township 19S	Range 37E	County Lea	Latitude N 32*.65721'	Longitude W 103*28417'
Contact Name: Zack Conder						
Email: <a href="mailto:zconder@rice-ecs.com">zconder@rice-ecs.com</a>						
Site size: 2,200		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: Sandy	Describe soil & subsoil: Blow sand and subsoil caliche			
Soil prep methods: Rip <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth(in):	Disc <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (in):	Rollerpack <input type="checkbox"/>
Date completed:				

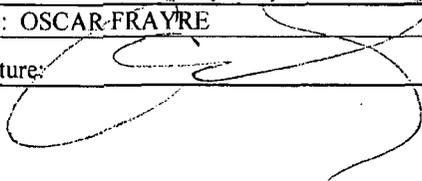
### 3. Bioremediation

Fertilizer <input type="checkbox"/>	Hay <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Type:	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prescribed mix <input type="checkbox"/>	Seed mix name: 2 lbs blue grama	Seedingdate: 3-2-11
Broadcast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Method: Portable seeder			
Soil conditions during seeding: Dry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damp <input type="checkbox"/> Wet <input type="checkbox"/>			
Photos attached <input checked="" 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: OSCAR-FRAYRE	Title: Environmental Tech.	Date: 3-2-11
Signature: 		

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