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Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 3:56 PM
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Subject: Remediation Plan (1R427-339) Termination - ROC EME Jct E-33-1 Site

**RE: Termination Request
for the Rice Operating Company's
EME Jct E-33-1 Site
Unit Letter E, Section 33, T19S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Remediation Plan (1R427-339) 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 March 27, 2013 (received April 1, 2013). The reports are 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 (1R427-339) 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
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March 27, 2013

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 Jct. E-33-1 (1R427-339): UL/E, Sec. 33, T19S, R37E
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 2010, ROC initiated work on the former E-33-1 junction box. The site is located in UL/E, Sec. 33, T19S, R37E. NM OSE records indicate that groundwater would likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 31 +/- feet. After the junction box was eliminated, a boring was installed to investigate the depth of chloride presence due to the inability to excavate through the rock formation. Each sample was field titrated for chlorides and field screened using a PID for hydrocarbons, resulting in low concentrations of each. The 8 ft sample was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH, resulting in a chloride concentration of 112 mg/kg, and concentrations of gasoline range organics (GRO) and diesel range organics (DRO) below detectable limits. The boring was plugged in total with bentonite. A junction box is no longer needed at the site. The site is adjacent to an active right of way. Vegetation is occurring naturally and is expected to return to a productive capacity at a normal rate.

The junction box site location map, final report, photodocumentation, soil bore log, laboratory analysis, PID sheet, chloride graph and current photodocumentation 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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Site Location Map

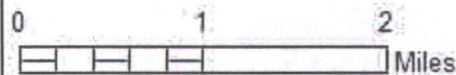
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EME Jct. E-33-1

Unit Letter E, Section 33,
T19S, R37E
Lea County, NM

NMOCD Case #: 1R427-339



Drawing date: 3/26/13

Junction Box Report

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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)	Jct. E-33-1	E	33	19S	37E	Lea	Length	Width	Depth
							Eliminated		

LAND TYPE: BLM _____ STATE _____ FEE LANDOWNER Joe Ray Williams OTHER _____

Depth to Groundwater 31 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 20

Date Started 7/26/2010 Date Completed 7/26/2010 OCD Witness no

Soil Excavated 0.0 cubic yards Excavation Length 0 Width 0 Depth 0 feet

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

FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS: Sample Date 7/26/2010 Sample Depth 8 ft

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 @ 8'	0.9	<10.0	<10.0	112

CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS

LOCATION	DEPTH	mg/kg
Soil bore at former junction box (source)	1'	143
	2'	213
	3'	174
	4'	136
	5'	185
	6'	146
	7'	157
	8'	138

General Description of Remedial Action: This junction was eliminated during the pipeline replacement/upgrade program. After the junction box was removed, an investigation conducted with a soil bore due to the inability to excavate through the rock formation. Chloride field test were performed on each sample taken at regular intervals, which yielded low concentrations. Organic vapors were measured using a PID, which yielded low concentrations. The deepest sample, 8 ft BGS, was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH, which confirmed low concentrations of each. The entire bore hole was plugged with bentonite to ground surface. The site was not seeded due to the vegetation at the location was intact.

enclosures: photos, soil bore log, lab results, PID (field) screenings, chloride curve

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

SITE SUPERVISOR Jordan Woodfin SIGNATURE *Jordan Woodfin* COMPANY RICE OPERATING COMPANY

REPORT ASSEMBLED BY Larry Bruce Baker Jr. INITIAL LB.B

PROJECT LEADER Larry Bruce Baker Jr. SIGNATURE *Larry Bruce Baker Jr.* DATE 3-23-11

EME Jct. E-33-1

Unit E, Section 33, T19S, R37E



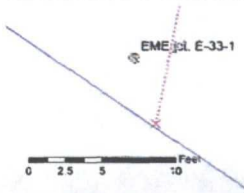

Drilling Soil bore

7/26/2010



Soil Bore plugged with bentonite

7/26/2010

Logger:	Lara Weinheimer				
Driller:	Harrison & Cooper				
Consultant:	RECS				
Drilling Method	Air Rotary				
Start Date:	7/26/2010				
End Date:	7/26/2010			Project Name:	Well ID:
Comments:		All samples from cuttings. Located at source of the former junction box site.		EME jct. E-33-1 SB-1	
Drafted by: Lara Weinheimer		Location:		UL/E sec. 33 T19S R37E	
TD = 8 ft		Estimated depth to GW = 31 ft		Lat: N 32°37'0.407" County: Lea	
		Long: W 103°15'52.78" State: NM			

Depth (feet)	chloride field tests	LAB	PID	Description	Lithology	Well Construction
				Dark brown very fine sand with caliche. Dry. No odor		
1 ft	143		1.8			
2 ft	213		1.7			
				Tan to black caliche and chert. Dry. Slight hydrocarbon odor		<div style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; height: 100%; position: relative;"> <div style="position: absolute; top: 50%; left: 50%; transform: translate(-50%, -50%);">bentonite seal</div> </div>
3 ft	174		1.9			
4 ft	136		3.5			
5 ft	185		1.3			
6 ft	146		2.6			
7 ft	157		1.3			
8 ft	138	CI-112	0.9			
		GRO < 10				
		DRO < 10				



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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
RICE OPERATING COMPANY
ATTN: HACK CONDER
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Receiving Date: 07/27/10
Reporting Date: 07/28/10
Project Number: NOT GIVEN
Project Name: EME JCT. E-33-1
Project Location: EME JCT. E-33-1

Sampling Date: 07/26/10
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: JH
Analyzed By: AB/HM

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO	DRO	CI*
		(C ₆ -C ₁₀) (mg/kg)	(>C ₁₀ -C ₂₈) (mg/kg)	(mg/kg)


ANALYSIS DATE	07/28/10	07/28/10	07/27/10
H20423-1** SOURCE GRAB @ 8'	<10.0	<10.0	112
Quality Control	459	451	520
True Value QC	500	500	500
% Recovery	91.8	90.2	104
Relative Percent Difference	1.2	0.5	3.6

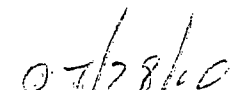
METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; CI: Std. Methods 4500-CI B

*Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts.

Reported on wet weight.

**One or more TPH surrogates outside historical limits due to matrix interference.


Chemist


Date

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CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY AND ANALYSIS REQUEST

Company Name: Rice Operating Company				BILL TO				ANALYSIS REQUEST												
Project Manager: Hack Conder				P.O. #:				<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>Chlorides</div> <div>TPH 8015 M</div> <div>BTEX</div> <div>Texas TPH</div> <div>Complete Cations/Anions</div> <div>TDS</div> </div>												
Address: 122 West Taylor				Company:																
City: Hobbs State: NM Zip: 88240				Attn:																
Phone #: 393-9174 Fax #: 397-1471				Address:																
Project #: Project Owner:				City:																
Project Name: EME jct. E-33-1				State: Zip:																
Project Location: EME jct E-33-1				Phone #:																
Sampler Name: L. Weinheimer				Fax #:																
FOR LAB USE ONLY																				
Lab I.D.	Sample I.D.	IGRAB OR (COMP.	# CONTAINERS	MATRIX				PRESERV.	SAMPLING		<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">COPY</div>									
				GROUNDWATER	WASTEWATER	SOIL	OIL	SLUDGE	OTHER:	ACID/BASE:							ICE / COOL	OTHER:	DATE	TIME
H20423-1	source grab @ 8'	G	1			✓											✓		7-26-10	12:47

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Relinquished By: <u>L. Weinheimer</u>	Date: <u>7-26-10</u> Time: <u>5:02</u>	Received By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Phone Result: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Add'l Phone #:
Relinquished By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>7/27/10</u> Time: <u>4:35</u>	Received By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Fax Result: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Add'l Fax #:
Delivered By: (Circle One) Sampler - UPS - Bus - Other:	Sample Condition Cool Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	CHECKED BY: <u>[Signature]</u> (Initials)	REMARKS: email: results Hconder@riceswd.com; kjones@riceswd.com Lweinheimer@rice-ecs.com	

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PID METER CALIBRATION & FIELD REPORT FORM

CK	
MODEL	✓
NO.	

MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000183	7
MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000504	508
MODEL: PGM 7600	SERIAL NO: 110-12383	
MODEL: PGM 7600	SERIAL NO: 110-02920	

GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE 100PPM / AIR: BALANCE

LOT NO: 930137	EXPIRATION DATE: 4-28-13
FILL DATE:	METER READING ACCURACY: 100%

ACCURACY: +/- 2%

SYSTEM	SITE	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
EME	Jet E-33-1	E	33	T19S	R37E

SAMPLE ID: Soil core #1

DEPTH	PID	DEPTH	PID	DEPTH	PID	DEPTH	PID
1'	1.8						
2'	1.7						
3'	1.9						
4'	3.5						
5'	1.3						
6'	2.6						
7'	1.3						
8'	0.9						

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

Signature [Signature]

Date 7-26-10

SITE MAP



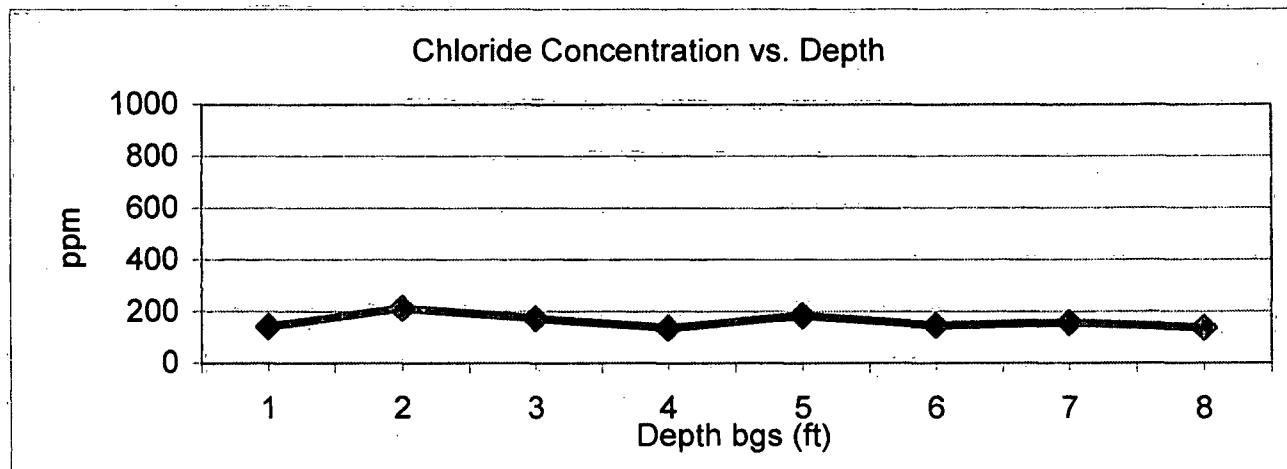
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EME Jct. E-33-1

Unit 'E', Sec. 33, T19S, R37E

Soil Bore at junction (source)

Depth bgs (ft)	[Cl] ppm
1	143
2	213
3	174
4	136
5	185
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8	138



Groundwater = 31 ft.



Current Photodocumentation

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Facing north

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Facing east

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