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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2007 9:33 AM  
**To:** 'Kristin Pope'  
**Cc:** Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Carolyn Haynes; Scott Curtis; Williams, Chris, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Remediation Plan (1R0427-91) Termination

**RE: "Final Site Investigation Report & Abatement Completion Report:"  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
EME SWD Bertha Barber E-5 Junction Box Site  
Unit Letter E, Section 5, T20S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico  
Remediation Plan (1R0427-91) Termination**

Dear Ms. Pope:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the closure report for the EME SWD Bertha Barber E-5 Junction Box site, dated May 15, 2007, and has conducted a review of the report. The closure report, submitted for the above reference site, indicates that the Rice Operating Company has met the closure requirements. Therefore, the OCD hereby approves the closure report and gives notice that the Remediation Plan (1R0427-91) is terminated.

The OCD understands that the groundwater monitoring wells in the Bertha Barber area will remain open for possible continued groundwater monitoring for other releases.

Please be advised that NMOCD 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, NMOCD 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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