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**Subject:** Abatement Plan Extensions  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Wed 8/17/2005 11:47 AM

Dear Ms. Haynes:

OCD is in receipt of the following request for extensions:

July 06, 2005 RT Hicks N-29 Junction Box UL N Section 29, 21S, 37 E  
July 11, 2005 RT Hicks Jct F-29-1A 1R0428-44 ✓  
July 13, 2005 RT Hicks EME M-9, N-5, K-6, D-1, BD J-26.  
July 15, 2005 Whole Earth K-33-1 1R047-92

**OCD hereby approves of the extensions.**

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of these extensions does not relieve (Rice Operating Co.) of responsibility should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve (Rice Operating Co.) of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations. OCD reserves the right to cancel the extensions if deemed warranted.

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July 11, 2005

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RE: Jct. F-29-1A UL F Sec 29, T18S, R38E  
NMOCD Case # not assigned

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Dear Mr. Sanchez

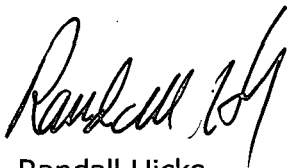
In your letter of May 5, 2005, NMOCD required Rice Operating Company (ROC) to submit an abatement plan for the above-referenced site on or before July 15, 2005. The data collected thus far at the F-29-1a junction box are inconclusive as to whether the junction box operations have impacted ground water.

We respectfully request an extension of 120 days for submission of a Stage 1 Abatement Plan.

Before the submittal of a Stage 1 Abatement Plan we would appreciate a meeting with NMOCD to discuss the data collected thus far and approaches to the characterization of the F-29-1a Junction Box site and the >250 ppm chloride concentration observed at the F-29-1a monitoring well.

We thank you in advance for permitting us the time to allow an informed decision regarding the applicability of Rule 19 to the F-29-1a junction box site.

Sincerely,  
R.T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd.



Randall Hicks  
Principal

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