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Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 10:12 AM
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Subject: ROC Characterization of Hobbs E-4 Site (1R428-71)
Attachments: ROC Hobbs E-4 Scope of Work (10-08).pdf

Please accept this email as notice of our intentions to conduct further site characterization drilling activities, as proposed in our September 11, 2008 Stage 1 Abatement Plan, at the Rice Operating Hobbs E-4 site beginning at 8:00 AM on Wednesday October 8, 2008. The site is located in the city of Hobbs at T-29-S, R-38-E, Sec. 4 (E).

A scope of work for the site with driving directions is provided on the attached PDF file. We anticipate that the activities will be completed in one day. Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information.

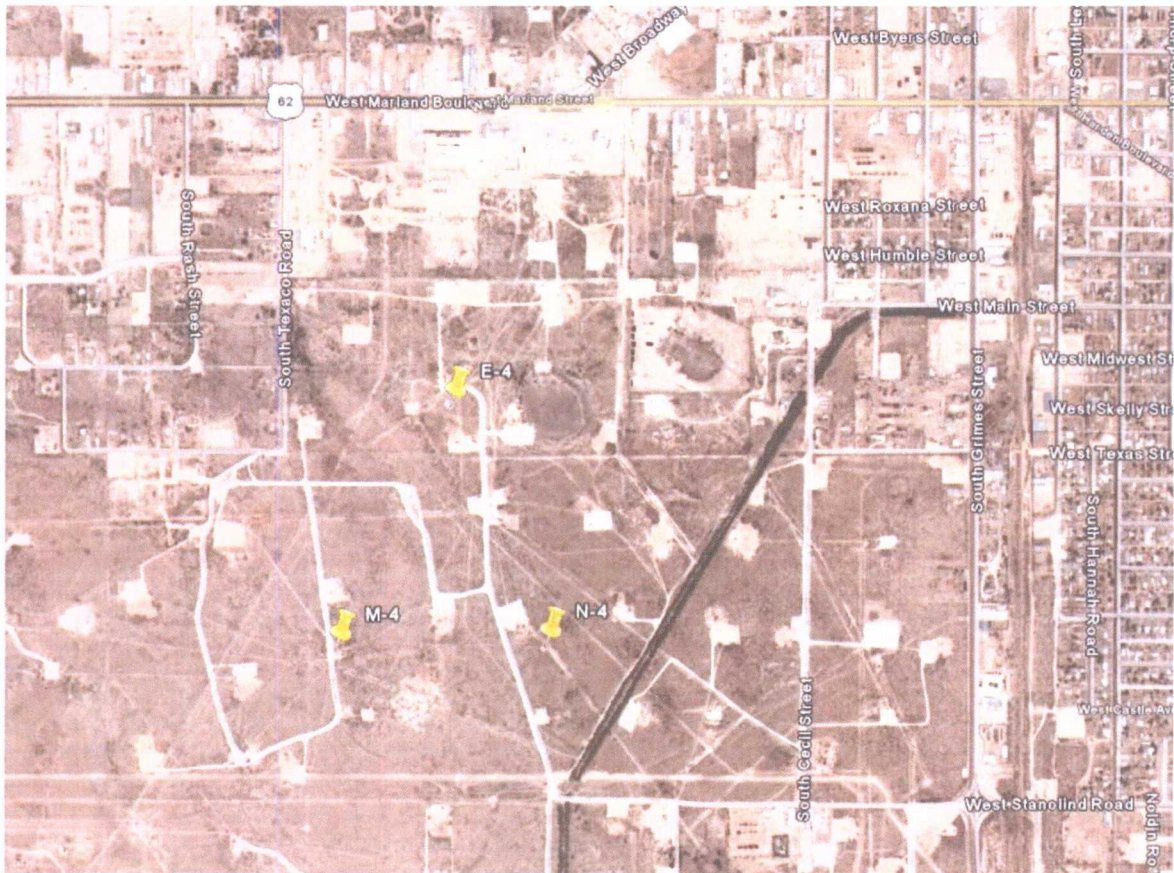
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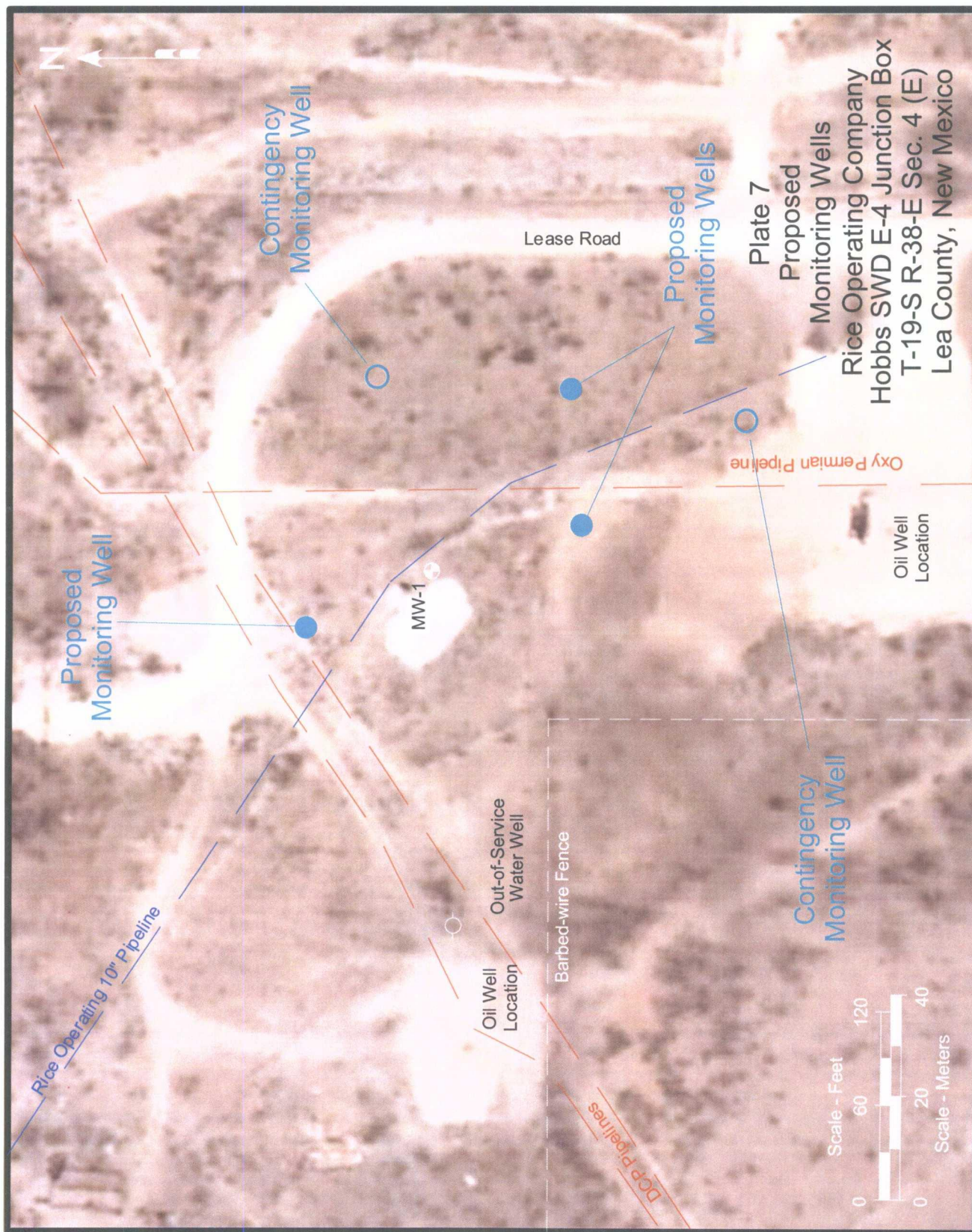
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Scope of Work (October 2008)
Hobbs Disposal System – E-4 Junction Box Site
T-19-S, R-38-E, Sec. 4, Unit E

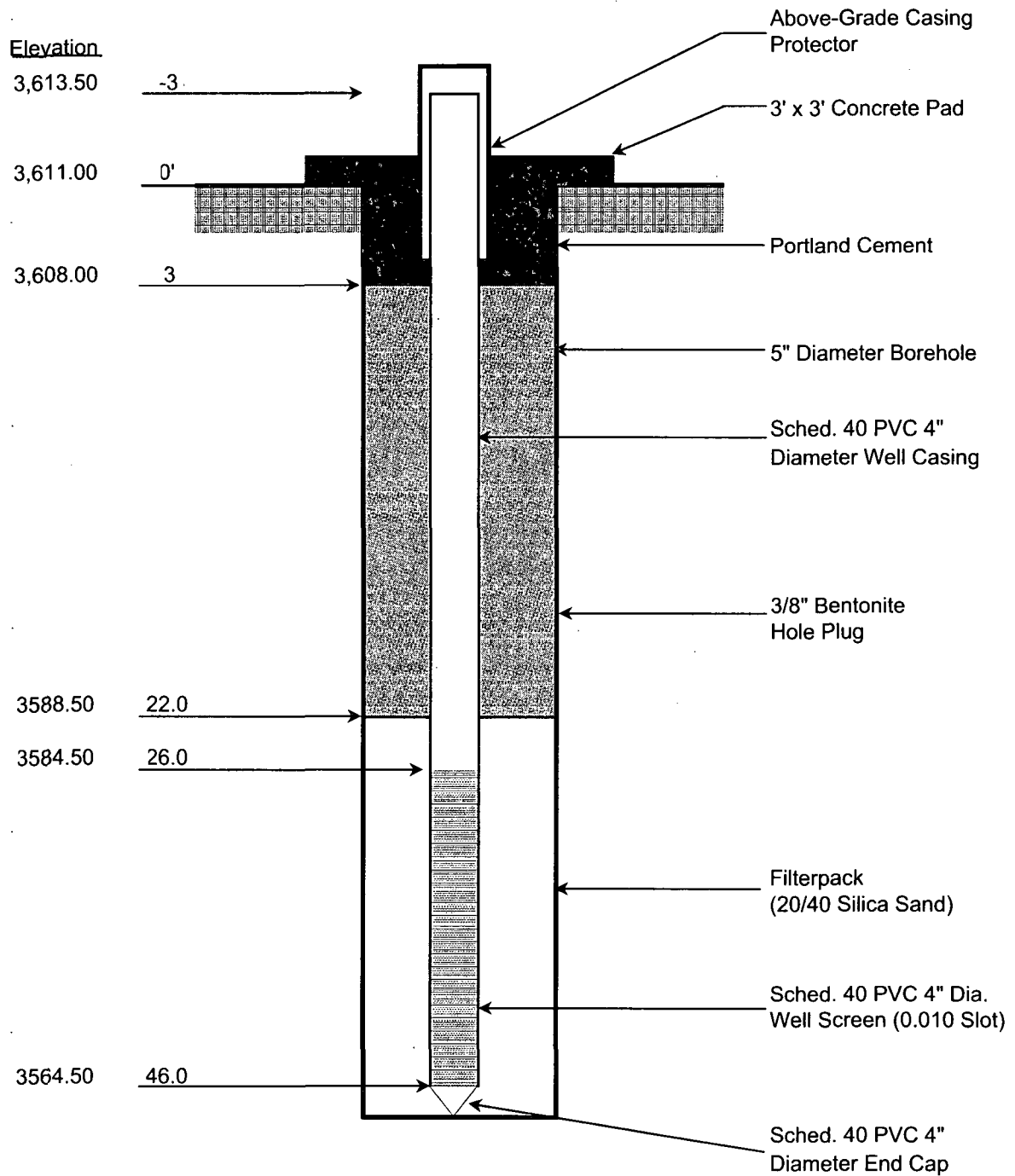
Driving Directions: From the intersection of Stanolind Road and Grimes in Hobbs, go west on Stanolind 0.5 miles, turn north and travel 0.6 miles. The site is located approximately 200 feet to the west.



Scope-of-Work: At least three monitoring wells will be installed in an effort to determine the local ground water gradient and delineate the extent of dissolved hydrocarbon impact. Plate 7 (attached) which indicates the proposed location of the monitoring wells (and contingency locations) was provided to the OCD as part of a Stage 1 Abatement Plan on September 11, 2008. Soil samples will be recovered with a split-spoon sampler for field screening and laboratory analysis at the field technician's discretion.



MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



R T Hicks Consultants Ltd	SITE: Hobbs SWD E-4 Vent		Monitoring Well No. MW-1
	DATE: 2/18/08	REV. NO.: 1	
	AUTHOR: DTL	TECH: DTL	
	DRILLER: H & C, Inc	FILE: E-4 Lithlogs	



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August 12, 2008

Hack Conder
Rice Operating Company
122 West Taylor
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

RE: REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ABATEMENT PLAN

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has determined after reviewing your Notification of Groundwater Impact for each of the following four sites:

- 1) Rice Justis E-1 Vent
Unit E, Section 1, T25S, R37E
Lea County, New Mexico
OCD Case #1R0423-06
- 2) Rice BD P-26-1 Vent
Unit P, Section 26, T21S, R37E
Lea County, New Mexico
OCD Case #1R0426-106
- 3) Rice BD P-26-2
Unit P, Section 26, T21S, R37E
Lea County, New Mexico
OCD Case #1R0426-107
- 4) Rice Hobbs Jct. E-4 Vent
Unit E, Section 4, T19S, R38E
Lea County, New Mexico
OCD Case #1R0428-71

that the Rice Operating Company (ROC) must submit for each of the four sites a separate Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with OCD Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC) to investigate the ground water contamination at each of these sites. The Stage 1 Abatement Plans must be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office with a copy provided to the OCD Hobbs District Office and must meet of all the requirements specified in OCD Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC), including, but not limited to, the public notice and participation requirements specified in Rule 19G. The Stage 1 Abatement Plan is due sixty (60) days from the receipt by ROC of this written notice.

ROC's Stage 1 Abatement Plans must specifically meet all of the requirements specified in OCD Rule 19E.3, including, but not limited to, a site investigation work plan and monitoring program that will enable it to characterize the release using an appropriate number of isoconcentration maps and cross sections that depict the contamination that has been released from the sites and to provide the data necessary to select and design an effective abatement option. ROC may, if it chooses, concurrently submit a Stage 2 Abatement Plan that addresses appropriate proactive abatement options.

ROC should submit one paper copy and an electronic copy on CD for each of the Plans and for all future workplans and/or reports for each of the Plans. Please be sure to include the current corresponding OCD Case # on each of the respective Abatement Plans. An Abatement Plan # will be assigned as each of the Plans are submitted to the OCD. If you have any questions, please contact Edward J. Hansen of my staff at (505) 476-3489 or <mailto:edwardj.hansen@state.nm.us>.

Sincerely,



Wayne Price
Environmental Bureau Chief

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cc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Supervisor
Larry Johnson, OCD Hobbs