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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2008 5:42 PM  
**To:** 'Hack Conder'  
**Cc:** Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Johnson, Larry, EMNRD; 'Marvin Burrows'; 'Katie Lee'  
**Subject:** 1R428-44 Termination

**RE: "Closure Report"**  
**for the Rice Operating Company's**  
**Hobbs SWD F-29-1a Site**  
**Unit Letter F, Section 29, T18S, R38, Lea County, New Mexico**  
**Remediation Plan (1R428-44) Termination**

Dear Mr. Conder

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the closure report for the Hobbs SWD F-29-1a site, dated March 2008 and has conducted a review of the report. The closure report, submitted for the above reference site, indicates that the Rice Operating Company (ROC) has met the closure requirements. Therefore, the OCD hereby conditionally approves the closure report and gives notice that the Remediation Plan (1R428-44) is terminated.

ROC must obtain approval from the OCD prior to plugging and abandoning of the groundwater monitoring wells at the site.

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.

Edward J. Hansen  
Hydrologist  
Environmental Bureau

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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2008 5:32 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Lee'; 'Hack Conder'  
**Subject:** RE: ROC F-29-1a

Katie and Hack,

I was reviewing groundwater monitoring data for the F-29 Redwood Tanks site to the east of the site. This is apparently upgradient of the F-29-1a site. I can accept this data as a demonstration of regional elevated chloride concentrations. Therefore, there is no need for further research. I will send you the termination notice for Hobbs F-29-1a remediation plan.

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**From:** Katie Lee [mailto:katie@rthicksconsult.com]  
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**To:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Subject:** ROC F-29-1a

Ed,

Just a note to say I haven't forgotten your request for more regional data near ROC F-29-1a. Rice had a number of people out of the office today, but Hack is checking on your question and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Best regards,

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**From:** Katie Lee [katie@rthicksconsult.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2008 5:51 PM  
**To:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Cc:** Hack Conder; Randall Hicks (Randall Hicks)  
**Subject:** Meeting notes, 8-14-08

Ed,

Thanks so much for taking the time to discuss Hobbs F-29-1a (NMOCD # 1R0428-44) and Hobbs F-33 Vent (NMOCD # 1R0428) with me today. Just to summarize, here are the main points we talked about.

Hobbs F-29-1a

- 1 ROC completed all of the work elements identified in the NMOCD approved CAP:
  - 1. The site is re-vegetated
  - 2. Ground water in the shallow well has met WQCC standards for 8+ quarters
- 1 COCs in the deep well are due to up gradient, possibly regional sources
- 1 Results of annual sampling of the well will be reported in the annual report of a nearby open Section 29 site

NMOCD action: Close site

Hobbs F-33 Vent

- 1 Previous submission mistakenly showed regulated hydrocarbons, corrected data submitted to NMOCD
- 1 Soil at site meets generally accepted NMOCD closure criteria for chloride and regulated hydrocarbons
- 1 ROC proposes to document re-vegetation at site then request final site closure

NMOCD action: rescind request for additional borings at site, agree to closure after re-vegetation

Thanks again for your time on Thursday. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know; I'm available to run up to Santa Fe anytime it would be helpful to meet. As always, we respectfully request formal closure of each site in writing.

Best regards,

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**From:** Katie Lee [katie@rthicksconsult.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2008 5:50 PM  
**To:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Cc:** Hack Conder; Randall Hicks (Randall Hicks)  
**Subject:** meeting on Thursday, August 7th

Ed,

Glad we were able to catch up today. To confirm, I plan to meet with you briefly at your office in Santa Fe regarding two Rice Operating Company sites and submissions associated with them on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

The two sites I'm interested in discussing are:

Hobbs F-33 Vent, NMOCD Case #1R0428-58  
Hobbs F-29-1a Vent, NMOCD Case #1R0428-44

I'll look forward to seeing you then.

Best regards,

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