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Subject: RE: AP43 corrected AP Approval

**RE: Amended Stage 2 Abatement Plan (AP-43) Approval
for the Rice Operating Company's
EME Jct. A-20 Release Site
Unit Letter A, Section 20, T20S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Amended Stage 2 Abatement Plan (AP-43) for the EME Jct. A-20 Release Site, dated August 25, 2008, and has conducted a review of the Amended Stage 2 Abatement Plan and subsequent addendums. The Amended Plan and subsequent addendums, submitted for the above-referenced site, indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of OCD Part 30 (formerly, Rule 19) for a Stage 2 Abatement Plan. Therefore, the OCD hereby approves the Amended Stage 2 Abatement Plan (AP-43) for above-referenced site, dated August 25, 2008 and the subsequent addendums to date in accordance with 19.15.30.16 NMAC.

Please be advised that OCD approval of this Plan 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.

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From: Hack Conder [mailto:hconder@riceswd.com]
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Ed,

I am requesting an addendum to AP43 in two sections 5 and 7.3 I would like to add the following sentence to the last paragraph in section 5.

Based on the fact that remaining chloride concentrations are low (averaging 310 milligrams per kilogram) and a clay liner will be installed at the site it is unlikely that vadose zone conditions will impact groundwater.

I would like to add the following sentence to the last paragraph in section 7.3.

Total volume and chloride content of the recovered groundwater will be measured prior to being utilized in pipeline maintenance operations.

Thanks

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