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Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 3:20 PM
To: 'Hack Conder'
Cc: Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; 'Marvin Burrows'; Scott Curtis; 'Katie Lee'
Subject: Remediation Plan (1R-428-57) Termination (ROC Hobbs SWD B-32 Boot Site)

**RE: ICP Report and Termination Request for the Rice Operating Company's
Hobbs SWD B-32 Boot Site
Unit Letter B, Section 32, T18S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Remediation Plan (1R-428-57) Termination**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Rice Operating Company's report and request to close the above-referenced site (dated August 11, 2009). The report is acceptable to the OCD. However, the material used to plug the groundwater monitoring wells and recovery well must be a cement grout with 1% to 3% bentonite or other plugging material approved by the OCD. Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report within 90 days of receipt of this notice.

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC (Part 29; formally, Rule 116), indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the remediation plan (1R-428-57) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Please be advised that OCD 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, 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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