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Mr. Brad Jones  
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RE: JUNCTION BOX UPGRADE REPORT for 2008  
HOBBS SWD SYSTEM  
Lea County, New Mexico

Mr. Jones:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) takes this opportunity to submit the Junction Box Upgrade results for the year 2008. Enclosed is a list of the completed junction boxes and their respective closure/disclosure dates. These boxes are located in the Hobbs Salt Water Disposal (SWD) System.

ROC completed 2 junction box sites in 2008. Hobbs System Partners have decided to abandon the Hobbs SWD System. In 2009, the junction boxes will continue to be evaluated with the objective of abandonment of the system.

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the Hobbs SWD System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipeline, well, or facility. The System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Partners, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

Upgrade/closure projects of this magnitude require System Partner AFE approval and work begins as funds are received. The Hobbs SWD System has been abandoned.

Thank you for your consideration of this Junction Box Upgrade Report for 2008.

RICE OPERATING COMPANY

  
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Environmental Manager

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cc: SC, MB, file, Edward Hansen (NMOCD), Larry Hill (NMOCD, District I Office)

**RICE Operating Company**  
**Hobbs SWD System Junction Box Upgrade Project**  
**2008 Completed Boxes**

		Legal Description						
	Junction Box Name	Unit	Sec	T	R	Completion Date	OCD Assessment Score	Report Status
1	E-29 Vent	E	29	18S	38E			Terminated
2	F-29-1a Vent	F	29	18S	38E	8/1/2006	10	Terminated