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Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2010 8:27 AM
To: 'Hack Conder'
Cc: Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; 'Marvin Burrows'; 'Scott Curtis'; Katie Jones
Subject: Remediation Plan (1R-427-06) Termination

**RE: ICP Report and Termination Request for the Rice Operating Company's
EME Jct. O-19 Site
Unit Letter O, Section 19, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Remediation Plan (1R-427-06) 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 July 27, 2009 and Addendum dated March 1, 2010). 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. 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-427-06) 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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