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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2010 11:02 AM  
**To:** Hack Conder  
**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; Katie Jones; 'Katie Lee'  
**Subject:** Abatement Plan (AP-59) Proposed Corrective Actions Approval - ROC Vacuum F-35 and G-35 Sites

**RE: Groundwater Monitoring Report and Proposed Corrective Actions  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
Vacuum F-35 and G-35 Sites  
Unit Letter F & G, Section 35, T17S, R35E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico  
Abatement Plan (AP-59) Proposed Corrective Actions Approval**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Ground Water Monitoring Report for Abatement Plan (AP-59) for the Vacuum F-35 and G-35 Sites, dated October 7, 2010 and has conducted a review of the Report. The Report indicates that Rice Operating Company (ROC) has met the requirements of OCD Part 30 (formerly, Rule 19) for a Stage 1 & 2 Abatement Plan. Therefore, the OCD hereby conditionally approves the proposed corrective actions for above-referenced sites in accordance with 19.15.30.16 NMAC:

ROC must plug the two groundwater monitoring wells (MW-2 at both sites) with a cement grout of 1% to 3% bentonite or other material approved by the OCD. Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report within 120 days.

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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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2010 8:58 AM  
**To:** Hack Conder  
**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; Katie Jones; 'Katie Lee'  
**Subject:** Abatement Plan (AP-59) Amendment Approval - ROC Vacuum F-35 and G-35 Sites

**RE: Abatement Plan (AP-59) Amendment Approval  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
Vacuum F-35 and G-35 Sites  
Unit Letter F & G, Section 35, T17S, R35E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Updated Proposed Abatement Plan (AP-59) Amendment for the Vacuum F-35 and G-35 Sites, dated January 29, 2010 and has conducted a review of the proposed Amendment. The Amended Plan indicates that Rice Operating Company (ROC) has met the requirements of OCD Part 30 (formerly, Rule 19) for a Stage 1 & 2 Abatement Plan. Therefore, the OCD hereby conditionally approves the Abatement Plan (AP-59) Amendment for above-referenced sites in accordance with 19.15.30.16 NMAC:

ROC must submit to the OCD a comprehensive groundwater monitoring report for the above-referenced sites, including recommended corrective actions, within 150 days.

Please be advised that OCD approval of this Amendment 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.

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