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Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 3:34 PM
To: 'Hack Conder'
Cc: Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; 'Scott Curtis'; 'Katie Jones'; Reed, Timothy
Subject: Abatement Plan (AP-99) Termination - ROC Justis E-1 Vent Site

**RE: Termination Request for the Rice Operating Company's
Justis E-1 Vent Site
Unit Letter E, Section 1, T25S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Abatement Plan (AP-99) 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 September 15, 2011). The report is acceptable to the OCD. Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report the groundwater monitoring wells (MW-1, MW-2, MW-3, MW-4, and MW-5) and recovery well (RW-1) within 60 days of receipt of this notice.

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.30.19 NMAC [Section 19 of (Rule 30; formally, Rule 19)], indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.30.9 NMAC; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the abatement plan (AP-99) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.30.19.B 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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