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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2012 1:48 PM  
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**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; Laura Pena (lpna@riceswd.com); lpg@texerra.com; Scott Curtis (scurtis@riceswd.com)  
**Subject:** Remediation Plan (1R426-99) Termination - ROC BD O-23 Vent Site

**RE: CAP Report for Groundwater and Request for Remediation Termination  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
BD O-23 Vent Site  
Unit Letter O, Section 23, T21S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico  
Remediation Plan (1R426-99) 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 July 20, 2012 (received July 24, 2012). The report is acceptable to the OCD.

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC (Rule 29; formally, Rule 116), indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC; therefore, the OCD conditionally approves the report and hereby notifies you that the remediation plan (1R426-99) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC:

ROC must submit to the OCD an annual status report regarding the ground water recovery system at the site.

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:** Thursday, February 16, 2012 5:02 PM  
**To:** Hack Conder  
**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; 'Katie Jones'; L Peter Galusky  
**Subject:** Soil Closure Approval (1R426-99) - ROC BD O-23 Vent Site

**RE: "CAP Progress Report and Soil Closure Request"  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
BD O-23 Vent Site (1R426-99)  
Unit Letter O, Section 23, T21S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico  
Soil Closure Approval**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Rice Operating Company's (ROC) report of the soil closure of the above-referenced site (dated February 2, 2012). The above-referenced report, submitted in fulfillment of 19.15.29 NMAC (Rule 29, formally, Rule 116), indicates that Rice Operating Company (ROC) has partially met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC for this site. Therefore, the OCD hereby approves the plugging report for groundwater monitoring well, MW-1, and conditionally approves the soil closure for the BD O-23 Vent Site and no further soil remediation is required for this site.

The BD O-23 Vent Site is still active under Remediation Plan, 1R426-99, including continued groundwater remediation.

Please be advised that OCD partial 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact at 505-476-3489.

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