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**Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD**

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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2012 9:29 AM  
**To:** Hack Conder (hconder@riceswd.com)  
**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; Laura Pena (lpena@riceswd.com); Scott Curtis (scurtis@riceswd.com)  
**Subject:** Remediation Plan (1R-2552) Termination - ROC EME K-6 Leak Site

**RE: Corrective Action to Groundwater Report and Termination Request  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
EME K-6 Leak Site  
Unit Letter K, Section 6, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico  
Remediation Plan (1R-2552) 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 August 6, 2012 (received August 10, 2012) and the photo documentation of August 15, 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 approves the report and hereby notifies you that the remediation plan (1R-2552) 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.

Edward J. Hansen  
Hydrologist  
Environmental Bureau

## Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD

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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2012 4:26 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Jones'  
**Cc:** VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD; Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; Hack Conder  
**Subject:** Corrective Action to Ground Water (1R-2552) Approval

**RE: Update Report and Corrective Action to Groundwater for the Rice Operating Company's  
EME K-6 Leak Site  
Unit Letter K, Section 6, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico  
Corrective Action to Ground Water (1R-2552) Approval**

Dear Ms. Jones:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Update Report and Corrective Action to Ground Water for the EME K-6 Leak Site, dated December 15, 2011 (received December 19, 2011) and has conducted a review of the report. The report indicates that Rice Operating Company (ROC) has met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC (Rule 29; formerly, Rule 116) for a remediation plan. Therefore, the OCD hereby conditionally approves the corrective action to ground water for above-referenced site in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC:

ROC must submit to the OCD the proposed report regarding the corrective action to ground water within 180 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.

In addition, since the report indicates that ground water has been impacted by this release, please address all further correspondence regarding this site to the Environmental Bureau of the OCD Santa Fe Office (c/o Edward J. Hansen) using the OCD case #, **1R-2552**.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

Edward J. Hansen  
Hydrologist  
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**From:** Katie Jones [<mailto:kjones@riceswd.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 2:21 PM  
**To:** VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD; Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; Hack Conder  
**Subject:** ROC - EME K-6 leak (1RP-2552) Potential Groundwater Impact  
Mr. Glenn von Gonten,

Rice Operating Company (ROC) hereby notifies the NMOCD of potential groundwater impact at the EME K-6 leak (1RP-2552) site, located in Unit K, Section 6, T20S, R37E. Depth to groundwater at this site is approximately 34 ft below ground surface (bgs). According to District 1 NMOCD approval, a 20-mil, reinforced liner was installed covering the entire leak area beginning in December 2010. Details of this work along with a groundwater remedy for the potential impact to groundwater from residual chloride was submitted to the NMOCD on December 19, 2011, in the Update Report and Corrective Action to Groundwater. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact Hack Conder at (575)393-9174.

Thank you.

Katie Jones  
Environmental Project Manager  
RICE Operating Company