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RE: Termination Request
EME H-4 EOL: UL/H, Sec. 4, T20S, R37E
RICE Operating Company – Eunice Monument Eumont SWD System

Mr. Hansen:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) is the service provider (agent) for the EME Saltwater Disposal (SWD) System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipeline, well, or facility. The System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

Background

In 2012, ROC initiated work on the former H-4 EOL junction box. The site is located in UL/H, Sec. 4, T20S, R37E. NM OSE records indicate that groundwater would likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 31 +/- feet. The site was delineated using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals, creating a 3x7x8 ft deep excavation. Each sample was field titrated for chlorides, resulting in low chloride concentrations. The 8 ft sample was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH, resulting in a chloride concentration of 32 mg/kg and concentrations of gasoline range organics (GRO) and diesel range organics (DRO) below detectable limits. The excavation was backfilled with the excavated soil to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area. On 11/7/2012, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation and is expected to return to a productive capacity at a normal rate.

The junction box location plat, final report, photo documentation, laboratory analysis, chloride graph, and revegetation form are attached.

Recommendations

Site investigation demonstrates that residual chloride and hydrocarbons in the vadose zone will not with reasonable probability contaminate groundwater in excess of NMOCD

standards. This site meets the requirements of the NMOCD-approved Revised Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan (July 16, 2003). As such, ROC request termination of the regulatory file, or similar closure status.

Please contact me at (575)393-9174 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this site. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
RICE Operating Company

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Conder", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Hack Conder
Environmental Manager

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**RICE OPERATING COMPANY
JUNCTION BOX FINAL REPORT**

BOX LOCATION

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
Eunice Monument Eumont (EME)	H-4 EOL	H	4	20S	37E	Lea	Length	Width	Depth
							Eliminated		

LAND TYPE: BLM _____ STATE _____ FEE LANDOWNER M. E. Laughlin OTHER _____

Depth to Groundwater 31 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 20

Date Started 9/17/2012 Date Completed 9/17/2012 OCD Witness No

Soil Excavated 6.2 cubic yards Excavation Length 3 Width 7 Depth 8 feet

Soil Disposed None cubic yards Offsite Facility n/a Location n/a

FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS: Sample Date 9/17/2012 Sample Depth 8'

TPH and Chloride laboratory test results completed by using an approved lab and testing procedures pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.

Sample Location	PID (field) ppm	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chloride mg/kg
SOURCE 8' GRAB		<50	<50	32

CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS		
LOCATION	DEPTH	mg/kg
background	6"	87
vertical delineation trench at the junction (source)	4'	122
	5'	87
	6'	149
	7'	121
	8'	116

General Description of Remedial Action: This junction and line were eliminated during the pipeline replacement/upgrade program. After the former junction box was removed, an investigation was conducted using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals, creating a 3x7x8 ft. deep excavation. Chloride field tests performed on each sample yielded concentrations similar to that of the background sample. The deepest sample, 8 ft. below ground surface (BGS) was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH, which confirmed low concentrations of each. The excavation was backfilled with excavated soil to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area. On 11/7/2012, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation and is expected to return to a productive capacity at a normal rate.

enclosures: site location map, photos, lab results, chloride graph, revegetation form

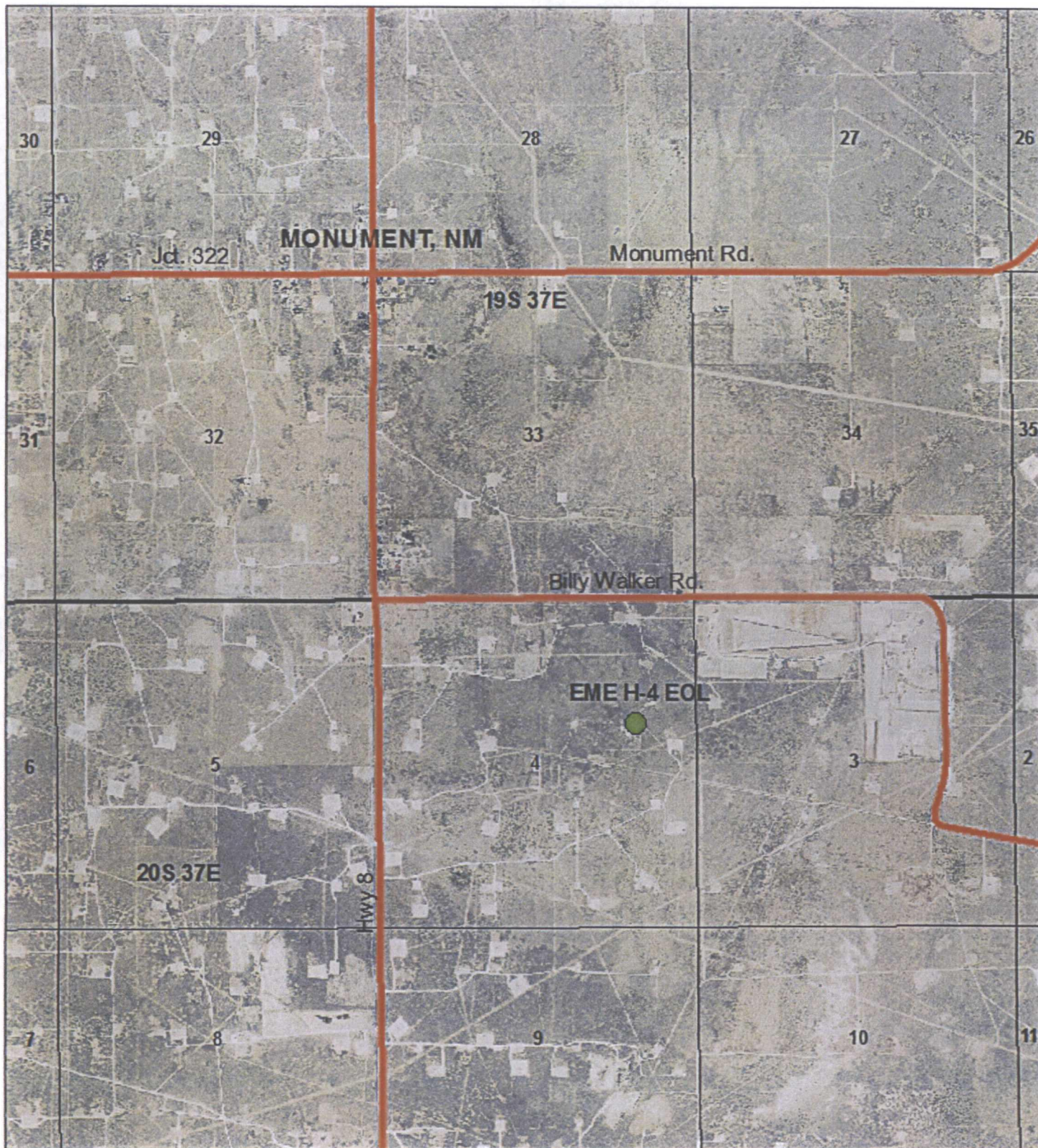
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

REPORT

ASSEMBLED BY Laura Peña SIGNATURE  COMPANY Rice Operating

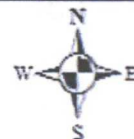
SITE SUPERVISOR Dustin Yarbrough SIGNATURE Not Available COMPANY Rice Environmental Consulting & Safety

PROJECT LEADER Zach Conder SIGNATURE  DATE 3-4-13



EME H-4 EOL

UL/H SECTION 4
T-20-S R-37-E
LEA COUNTY, NM



0 0.25 0.5
Miles

Drawing date: 11/7/12
Drafted by: Tony Grieco

EME H-4 EOL

UL/H Sec.4 (T20S-R37E)



Excavating site, facing east

9/17/2012



Collecting sample, facing south

9/17/2012



Seeding Site, facing west

11/7/2012



Site complete, facing north

11/7/2012



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September 24, 2012

ZACH CONDER

RICE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING & SAFETY LLC

112 W. TAYLOR

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RE: EME H-4 EOL

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 09/18/12 16:20.

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Accreditation applies to public drinking water matrices.

This report meets NELAP requirements and is made up of a cover page, analytical results, and a copy of the original chain-of-custody. If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Celey D. Keene

Lab Director/Quality Manager

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Analytical Results For:

RICE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING & SAFETY
ZACH CONDER
112 W. TAYLOR
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Fax To: (575) 397-1471

Received: 09/18/2012
Reported: 09/24/2012
Project Name: EME H-4 EOL
Project Number: NONE GIVEN
Project Location: NOT GIVEN

Sampling Date: 09/17/2012
Sampling Type: Soil
Sampling Condition: Cool & Intact
Sample Received By: Jodi Henson

Sample ID: SOURCE @ 8' (H202274-01)

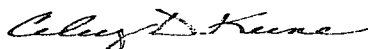
Chloride, SM4500Cl-B			mg/kg		Analyzed By: HM				
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	32.0	16.0	09/22/2012	ND	400	100	400	0.00	
TPH 8015M			mg/kg		Analyzed By: MS				
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
GRO C6-C10	<50.0	50.0	09/21/2012	ND	185	92.4	200	3.04	
DRO >C10-C28	<50.0	50.0	09/21/2012	ND	179	89.6	200	3.46	
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	90.2 %	65.2-140							
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	91.3 %	63.6-154							

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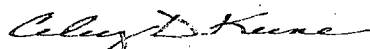
ND	Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
**	Samples not received at proper temperature of 6°C or below.
***	Insufficient time to reach temperature.
-	Chloride by SM4500Cl-B does not require samples be received at or below 6°C Samples reported on an as received basis (wet) unless otherwise noted on report

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CHLORIDE CONCENTRATION CURVE

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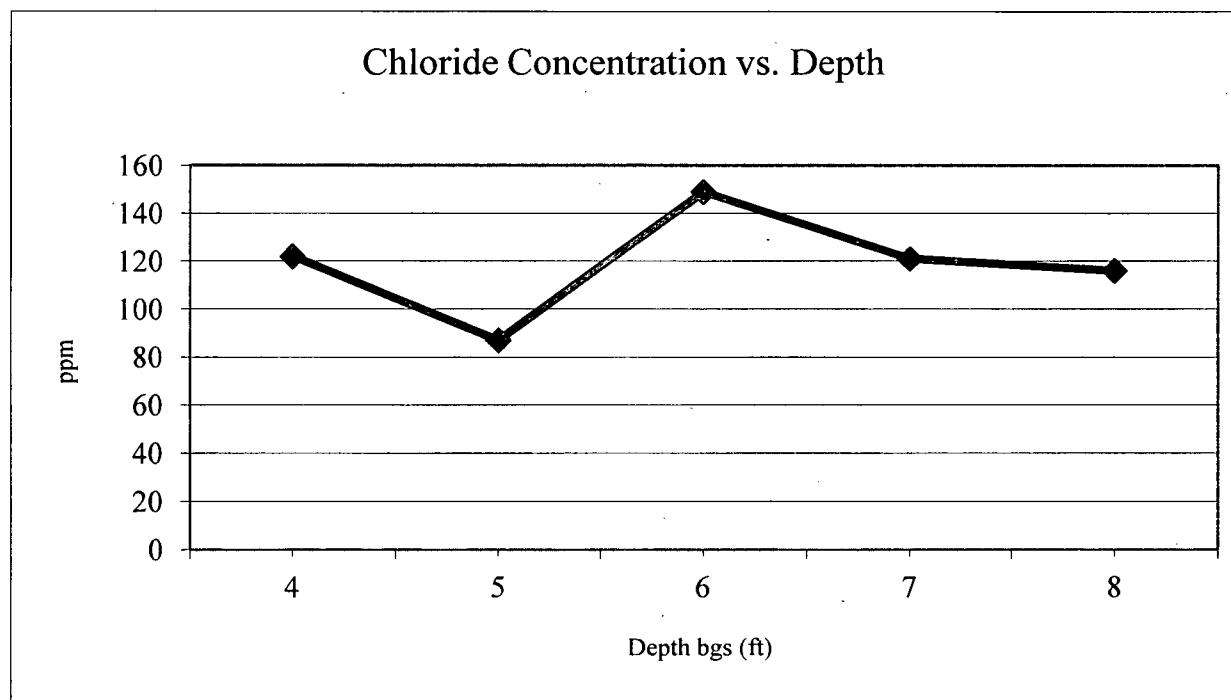
EME H-4 EOL

Unit 'H', Sec. 4, T20S, R37E

Backhoe samples at junction.(source)

Depth bgs (ft)	[Cl ⁻] ppm
4	122
5	87
6	149
7	121
8	116

Groundwater = 31 ft





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REVEGETATION FORM

1. General Information

Site name: EME H-4 EOL						
U/L H	Section 4	Township T20S	Range R37E	County LEA	Latitude 32° 36' 13.83"	Longitude 103° 15' 3.90"
Contact Name: ZACHARY CONDER						
Email: zconder@rice-ecs.com						
Site size: 25X27 Square feet: 675			Map detail of site attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Additional information:						

2. Soils

**Do not rip caliches subsoils; caliche rocks brought to the surface by ripping shall be removed.*

Salvaged from site <input type="checkbox"/>	Bioremediated <input type="checkbox"/>	Imported <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blended <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (in):	
Texture:		Describe soil & subsoil:			
Soil prep methods:	Rip <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth(in):	Disc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (in):	Roller pack <input type="checkbox"/>
Date completed: 9-17-2012					

3. Bioremediation

Fertilizer <input type="checkbox"/>	Hay <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Type:		Describe:
Lbs/acre:		

4. Seeding

**Attach seed bag tags to this form. Seed bag tags shall contain the site name and S-T-R.*

Custom seed mix <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prescribed mix <input type="checkbox"/>	Seed mix name: 1 LBS. BLUE GRAMA, 1LBS. WINTER RYE Seeding date: 11-7-2012
Broadcast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Method: MECHANICAL HAND SEEDER		
Soil conditions during seeding: Dry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damp <input type="checkbox"/> Wet <input type="checkbox"/>		
Photos attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Observations:	
Number of photos:		

5. Certification

I hereby certify that the information in this form and attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: EDUARDO GARCIA	Title: Environmental Tech	Date: 11-15-12
Signature: <i>Eduardo Garcia</i>		