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From: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 6:07 PM
To: Kristin Pope
Cc: Randall Hicks (Randall Hicks); Price, Wayne, EMNRD; 'Katie Lee'
Subject: RE: Formal Closure Request- NMOCD #: AP-50

Dear Ms. Pope:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) received the Rice Operating Company's (ROC) report (dated March 13, 2007) regarding the Abatement Completion for the Zachary Hinton EOL Junction Box Site, submitted in accordance with Rule 19.K, which indicated that ROC met the requirements of Rule 19.B; therefore, the NMOCD terminated the Plan (August 16, 2007).

In addition, the NMOCD has received the groundwater monitoring well plugging report for this site in a timely manner. The NMOCD has reviewed the plugging report and hereby concludes that all requirements and conditions for the Abatement Plan (AP-050) have been met; and therefore, deems the Abatement Plan (AP-050) formally closed.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this abatement completion report and plugging 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, NMOCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any NMOCD, 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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From: Katie Lee [mailto:katie@rthicksconsult.com]
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Subject: Formal Closure Request- NMOCD #s: AP-50, 1R0427-91,1R042637

Gentleman,

We are writing on behalf of Rice Operating Company to request formal closure of the following sites:

Zachary Hinton EOL Junction Box Site, AP-50
Bertha Barber E-5 Site, 1R0427-91
Junction Box N-29 Site, 1R042637

As you may recall, the monitoring wells at these sites were plugged and abandoned on September 11,

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2007 with NMOCD approval. The attached monitoring well plugging reports along with associated forms were sent to NMOCD on October 18, 2007. We respectfully request written confirmation of the formal closure of these sites.

Best regards,

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