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Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 4:44 PM

To: 'hconder@riceswd.com'

Cc: Price, Wayne, EMNRD; 'Hall, Sharon'

Subject: EME SWD Gaither Boot (#1R427-172) Workplan approval

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) has reviewed the submitted Additional Site Investigation Workplan, dated August 20, 2008, for the above referenced site. The NMOCD hereby conditionally approves the following workplan for the Rice Operating Company site:

1. EME SWD Gaither Boot submitted by Arcadis on 8/25/2008 #1R427-172

A report of the findings must be submitted to NMOCD within 60 days.

Also, please be advised that NMOCD approval of this plan 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 OCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

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

Edward J. Hansen Hydrologist Environmental Bureau

P.S.: Please use the respective OCD case #s on future correspondence regarding the site listed above.