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RE: JUNCTION BOX UPGRADE REPORT for 2009
HOBBS SWD SYSTEM
Lea County, New Mexico

Mr. Hansen:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) takes this opportunity to submit the Junction Box Upgrade results for the year 2009. Enclosed is a list of the completed junction boxes and their respective closure dates. These boxes are located in the Hobbs Salt Water Disposal (SWD) System.

Hobbs System Parties have decided to abandon the Hobbs SWD System. ROC completed 8 junction box sites in 2009. In 2010, the remaining junction boxes will continue to be evaluated and monitored with the objective of abandonment of the system.

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the Hobbs 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. Upgrade/closure projects of this magnitude require System Party AFE approval and work begins as funds are received. The Hobbs SWD System has been abandoned.

Thank you for your consideration of this Junction Box Upgrade Report for 2009.

RICE OPERATING COMPANY

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Hack Conder
Environmental Manager

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cc: SC, MB, file, Mr. Larry Hill
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Rice Operating Company
Hobbs SWD System Junction Box Upgrade Project
2009 Completed Boxes

		Legal Description						
	Jct Box Name	Unit	Sec	T	R	Completion Date	Report Status	Case Number
1	N-4 Vent	N	4	19	38	1/7/2009	Closure	1R-428-68
2	O-29-1 Vent	O	29	18	38	9/15/2009	Closure	1R-428-52
3	E-29 Vent	E	29	18	38	9/15/2009	Closure	1R-428-49
4	B-32 Boot	B	32	18	38	9/21/2009	Closure	1R-428-57
5	P-29 Vent	P	29	18	38	9/21/2009	Closure	1R-428-53
6	Jct L-30	L	30	18	38	9/21/2009	Closure	1R-428-64
7	Jct E-33-2	E	33	18	38	9/21/2009	Closure	1R-428-75
8	F-25 EOL	F	25	18	37	9/21/2009	Closure	1R-428-47

Junction Box Upgrade Program Closure/Disclosure Submissions for 2009

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