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Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Hack Conder
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Subject: Abatement Plan (AP-67) Termination - ROC EME D-1 Site

**RE: Termination Request for the Rice Operating Company's
EME D-1 Site
Unit Letter D, Section 1, T20S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Abatement Plan (AP-67) 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 May 13, 2010). The report is acceptable to the OCD. However, the material used to plug the groundwater monitoring wells (MW-1, MW-2, MW-4 and RW-1) must be a cement grout with 1% to 3% bentonite or other plugging material approved by the OCD. Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report within 60 days of receipt of this notice.

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.30.19 NMAC [Section 19 of (Part 30; formally, Rule 19)], indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.30.9 NMAC; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the abatement plan (AP-67) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.30.19.B 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.

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