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**Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD**

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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 1:51 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Jones'  
**Cc:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD; Hack Conder  
**Subject:** RE: ROC - EME Jct. K-6 (AP-46) Monitoring Well Plugging Extension Request

**RE: Plugging Report Submittal Extension Approval  
for the Rice Operating Company's  
EME Jct. K-6 Site (AP-46)  
Unit Letter K, Section 6, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Jones:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed your request for extension of the submittal of the plugging report for the above-referenced site (AP-46). The OCD hereby approves the request for extension of the submittal until Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

Also, please be advised that OCD approval of this extension 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 questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

Edward J. Hansen  
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**From:** Katie Jones [mailto:kjones@riceswd.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 8:28 AM  
**To:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Cc:** Hack Conder  
**Subject:** ROC - EME Jct. K-6 (AP-46) Monitoring Well Plugging Extension Request

Mr. Hansen,

On September 4, 2009, the NMOCD approved a Termination Request for EME Jct. K-6 (AP-46). In that approval it was stated, "Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report within one year of receipt of this notice." The groundwater recovery system located at this site is still active; therefore, ROC is requesting to leave the monitoring wells (MW-1, MW-2, MW-3, and RW-1) in place until discontinuance of the system. Once the recovery system has been discontinued, the monitoring wells will be plugged using a cement grout with 1% to 3% bentonite and a final plugging report will be submitted to the OCD. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at or Hack Conder.

Thank you.

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RICE Operating Company  
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