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**Price, Wayne**

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**From:** Price, Wayne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 05, 2001 1:17 PM  
**To:** 'Mike @ Whole Earth'; Price, Wayne  
**Cc:** Carolyn Haynes  
**Subject:** RE: A-22 Remediation Project Request for Additional Information  
The OCD hereby approves of the closure plan.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this plan does not relieve Rice Operating Company of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve Rice Operating Company of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mike @ Whole Earth [mailto:whearth@iamerica.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 23, 2001 9:33 AM  
**To:** Wayne Price  
**Cc:** Carolyn Haynes  
**Subject:** A-22 Remediation Project Request for Additional Information

Wayne:

I'm in receipt of your e-mail on this subject dated November 17th. I think we can address all of your points.

1. Was groundwater encountered during the drilling?

Answer: No. Not even damp soils.

2. The field codes on the sample analysis sheets need to be cross-referenced on the main report!

Answer: Attached, please find the requested cross-reference spreadsheet.

3. OCD acknowledges this report has some excellent documentation but the sample codes need to be ID'd.

Answer: Compliments from the OCD are treasured for their rarity. Hopefully item # 2 will correct the deficiency.

4. How long will the markers stay in place? OCD uses a cemented iron marker with descriptions welded in place.

Answer: Great minds think alike. Attached, please find two photos of the sign construction. They

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are manufactured using a high density polypropylene laminate bolted to a steel frame and post cemented into position. They should last well beyond the expiration of the lease agreement.



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

GARY E. JOHNSON  
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July 31, 2001

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Oil Conservation Division

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. 5357 7669**

Carolyn Doran Haynes  
Rice Operating Company  
122 West Taylor  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Redwood Tank and Emergency Overflow Pit Closure Plan  
BD SWD SITE A-22  
Unit Letter A, Sec 22, T22s, R37E NMPM  
Lea County, NM

Dear Ms. Haynes:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) is in receipt of Rice Operating Company's (ROC) letter dated March 01, 2001 with attachments and the letter dated March 24, 2001 with attached "Revision to Generic Closure Plan" submitted by Whole Earth Environmental on behalf of ROC.

The OCD hereby approves of the plan with the following condition(s):

1. ROC shall submit a detail closure report for OCD approval by Oct 15, 2001. The closure report shall include a plan demonstrating how the buried liners will be protected in the foreseeable future.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this plan does not relieve ROC of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve ROC of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-476-3487 or e-mail [WPRICE@state.nm.us](mailto:WPRICE@state.nm.us).

Sincerely;

Wayne Price-Pet. Engr. Spec.  
cc: OCD Hobbs Office