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**GENERAL
CORRESPONDENCE**

YEAR(S):
2006-2004

Price, Wayne, EMNRD

From: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 12:25 PM
To: 'Tim Reed'
Cc: Kristin Farris Pope
Subject: RE: ROC, BD SWD F-17, AP-47

Dear Mr. Reed and Ms Pope:

OCD is in receipt of the Stage I results and Request for Release from Rule 19 dated August 10, 2006 for the BD SWD F-17, AP-47 site. In order for OCD to continue this evaluation of your request please submit the following information within 60 days.

1. An area map showing surrounding water wells, monitoring wells and any other sites that may have an impact on this site.
 2. ROC should demonstrate that the groundwater gradient is accurate. All of the wells installed are in line and thus any side gradient influence may be missed.
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9/27/2006

Price, Wayne, EMNRD

From: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:54 PM
To: 'Tim Reed'
Cc: Kristin Farris Pope
Subject: RE: Stage II Deadline Extension Request

Approved.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this request does not relieve the owner/operator of Responsibility 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 the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

From: Tim Reed [mailto:treed@hec-enviro.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:37 PM
To: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Cc: Kristin Farris Pope
Subject: Stage II Deadline Extension Request

May 16, 2006

Mr. Wayne Price:

Highlander Environmental Corp., on behalf of Rice Operating Company is requesting an extension of time for completion of the approved Stage I Abatement Plans for the Rice Operating Company, Justis Jct. L-1 (AP-48); BD Jct. F-17 (AP-47); and EME H-13 (AP-44). The original deadline for submittal of Stage II Abatement Plans is May 31, 2006. Highlander requests an extension of 90 days to complete delineation of these sites. Please advise if you have any comments or require any additional information.

Thank you,

Tim Reed, P.G.
Vice President
Highlander Environmental Corp.
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5/17/2006



Highlander Environmental Corp.

Midland, Texas

December 6, 2005

Mr. Wayne Price
New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

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Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Rice Operating Company
Stage I Abatement Plan Public Notices for
Justis H-2 SWD, Justis Jct. L-1, BD Jct. F-17 and EME H-13**

Dear Mr. Price:

I have attached the proposed State I Abatement Plan Public Notices for the Rice Operating Company, Justis H-2 SWD (AP-49); Justis Jct. L-1 (AP-48); BD Jct. F-17 (AP-47); and EME H-13 (AP-44) for your approval.

Please let me know if you have any comments, or if you require any additional information. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tim Reed, P.G.
Vice President

cc: Kristen Farris Pope, Rice Operating Company

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Regulations, the following Stage I Abatement Plan Proposal has been submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division, 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504, Telephone (505) 476-3440:

Rice Operating Company, Carolyn Doran Haynes, Engineering Manager, Telephone (505) 393-9174, 122 West Taylor, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240, has submitted a Stage I Abatement Plan for the Pipeline Junction F-17, Blinbry Drinkard Salt Water Disposal System, located approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Eunice in Unit Letter F, Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Rice Operating Company operates a saltwater disposal pipeline at the site. Chloride impact has been observed in the groundwater. The Stage I Abatement Plan proposes the installation of two (2) additional monitoring wells to evaluate groundwater impact and hydraulic gradient. Additionally, a water well inventory will be performed to encompass a ½ mile radius around the site. The information generated will be evaluated and utilized to develop a groundwater remedy, if necessary. The findings will be presented to the NMOCD in a subsequent Stage II Abatement Plan. Quarterly sampling of all monitor wells will continue until results meet approval of the NMOCD. The monitor well results will be reported annually until closure.

Any interested person may obtain further information from the Oil Conservation Division and may submit written comments to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division at the address given above. The Stage I Abatement Plan Revision Proposal may be viewed at the above address or at the Oil Conservation Division District Office, 1625 N. French Drive, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240, Telephone (505) 393-6161 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Prior to ruling on any proposed Stage I Abatement Plan, the Director of the Oil Conservation Division shall allow at least thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice during which written comments may be submitted to him.



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Joanna Prukop

Cabinet Secretary

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.

Director

Oil Conservation Division

November 18, 2005

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

**RE: ABATEMENT PLAN PROPOSALS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Ms. Haynes:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Rice Operating Company's (Rice) ABATEMENT PLANS. These documents contains Rice's proposed Stage 1 and Stage 2 abatement plans for investigation and remediation of contamination for the sites listed below. Please note OCD has issued each site with a new abatement plan number. Please use this number in the future on all correspondence. The OCD has determined that the below Abatement Plan Proposals are administratively complete.

EME Jct. M-16-1	M-16-20s-37e	1R0427-93	Stage 1	6/23/05	New AP-42
EME Jct. A-20	A-20-20s-37e	1R0427-89	Stage 1	7/08/05	New AP-43
EME H-13 leak	H-13-20s-36e	1R0429	Stage 1	7/12/05	New AP-44
EME P-6 leak	P- 6-20s-37e	1R0422	Stage 1&2	7/14/05	New AP-45
EME Jct. K-6	K- 6-20s-37e	1R0427-88	Stage 1	10/17/05	New AP-46
BD Jct. F-17	F- 17-21s-37e	1R0426-14	Stage 1	7/12/05	New AP-47
Justis Jct.L-1 Boot	L-1-25s-37e	1R0423-0	Stage 1	7/12/05	New AP-48
Justis H-2 SWD	H-2-26s-37e	1R0423-01	Stage 1	7/14/05	New AP-49

Before the OCD can complete a review of the proposals, the OCD requires that:

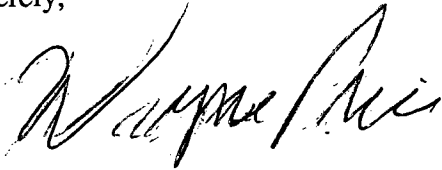
1. Rice issue approved notice of publication in the Albuquerque Journal and Hobbs News Sun pursuant to OCD Rule 19.G.(2).
2. Prior to issuing public notice, Rice shall issue approved written notice of the proposals pursuant to OCD Rule 19.G.(1). Please note 19.G.(1)(d) can be found on OCD's web page.

Ms. Carolyn Doran Haynes
November 18, 2005
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3. Rice provide the OCD with proof of publication and proof of written notice. Proof of notice shall include a map of the surface owners of record within one (1) mile of the perimeter of the site and shall identify compliance with each of the provisions of Rule 19.G.

Please note in the future it might be prudent to include you public notice provisions in the abatement plan submittal. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call (505)-476-3487 or E-mail wayne.price@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Price". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wayne" being more prominent than the last name "Price".

Wayne Price-Senor Envr. Engr.

Enclosures

cc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Office



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

BILL RICHARDSON
Governor

May 05, 2005

Joanna Prukop
Cabinet Secretary
Mark Fesmire
Director
Oil Conservation Division

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

Re: Sites with confirmed Groundwater Contamination

Dear Ms. Haynes:

Pursuant to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division rule 19.15.1.19 (Rule 19) Prevention and Abatement of Water Pollution requires all responsible persons who are abating water pollution in excess of the standards shall do so pursuant to an abatement plan approved by the director.

Therefore, Rice Operating Company is hereby required to submit individual abatement plans for OCD approval by July 15, 2005 for each of the following sites:

EME Sites:

H-13	UL	H	Sec 13, T20s, R36E	1R0429
M-9	UL	M	Sec 9, T20s, R37E	1R0331
P-6	UL	P	Sec 6, T20s, R37E	1R0422
Jct. N-5	UL	N	Sec 5, T20S, R37E	1R0427-90
Jct. M-16-1	UL	M	Sec 16, T20S, R37E	1R0427-93
Jct. K-33-1	UL	K	Sec 33, T19S, R37E	1R0427-92
Jct. A-20	UL	A	Sec 20, T20S, R37E	1R0427-89
Jct. K-6	UL	K	Sec 6, T20S, R37E	1R0427-88
Marathon Barber EOL	UL	E	Sec 5, T20S, R37E	1R0427-91
jct. D-1 leak	UL	D	Sec. 1, T20S, R36E	not assigned

BD Sites:

Zachary Hinton EOL	UL	O	Sec 12, T22S, R37E	1R0426-36
Jct. J-26	UL	J	Sec 26, T21S, R37E	1R0426-40
Jct. F-17	UL	F	Sec 17, T21S, R37E	1R0426-33
Jct. I-27	UL	I	Sec 27, T21S, R37E	1R0426-35
Jct. N-29	UL	N	Sec 29, T21S, R37E	1R0426-37
jct. E-3	UL	E	Sec 3, T22S, R37E	1R0426-53

Justis Sites:

jct. L-1	UL	L	Sec 1, T25S, R37E	1R0423-0
SWD H-2	UL	H	Sec 2, T26s, R37E	1R0423-01

Hobbs Sites:

Jct. F-29-1A	UL	F	Sec 29, T18S, R38E	not assigned
I-29 Vent	UL	I	Sec 29, T18S, R38E	not assigned

After OCD receives the plans each site will be assigned a new Abatement Plan number (AP#) for tracking purposes. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-476-3493 or E-mail

DJSanchez@state.nm.us; or contact Wayne Price of my staff at 505-476-3487 or e-mail WPRICE@state.nm.us.

Sincerely;



Daniel Sanchez
Enforcement and Compliance Manager
DS/wp

Cc: OCD Hobbs office

Price, Wayne

From: Price, Wayne
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2004 10:22 AM
To: Carolyn Doran Haynes (E-mail)
Cc: Kristin Farris Pope (E-mail); Sheeley, Paul; Johnson, Larry
Subject: Groundwater Investigation and Remediation Plans Required for OCD approval by March 15, 2005

Dear Ms. Haynes:

Please provide for OCD approval by March 15, 2005 groundwater investigation and remediation plans for the following sites:

EME M-16-1 OCD Case # 1R0427-93
EME K-33-1 OCD Case # 1R0427-92
EME E-5 OCD Case # 1R0427-91
EME N-5 OCD Case # 1R0427-90
EME A-20 OCD Case # 1R0427-89
EME K-6 OCD Case # 1R0427-88
BD-17 OCD Case# 1R0426-14

The plans shall include the following at a minimum.

1. Installation of a minimum of two additional monitor wells to properly delineate and define the groundwater conditions on and off the site.
2. A site sampling plan for constituents of concern.
3. The plan shall also include remediation techniques to reduce any vadose contamination that has not already been addressed, and groundwater contamination on and off the site.
4. An area map marking the approximate location and with directions on how to get to the site.
5. A site plot plan showing all significant features.
6. Photos of the site, including any photos available during the original work performed at the site.
7. A summary of all work performed and findings as of to date.

Sincerely:

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