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William J. LeMay, Director
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2040 South Pacheco
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11457:

In the Matter of the Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a show cause hearing requiring Petro-Thermo Corporation to appear and show cause why its Goodwin Treating Plant located in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico should not: (1) be order to cease operations, (2) have its permit to operate revoked, (3) be closed and cleaned up, (4) be closed by the Division in Petro-Thermo does not close it, (5) have the costs of closure and cleanup assessed against Petro-Thermo if closed by the Division and (6) have its \$25,000 bond forfeited.

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Petro-Thermo Corporation respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the February 8, 1996 hearings be continued to the February 22, 1996 Examiner docket.

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This request for continuance will permit representatives of Petro-Thermo to meet with the Division's Environmental Bureau and attempt to reach resolution of this matter.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Mr. Robert Abbott