STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DURATION OF AN EMERGENCY ORDER TO OPERATE ISSUED TO ARTESIA AERATION, LLC

CASE NO. 13455

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

HOLLAND & HART, L.L.P. hereby enters its appearance in the above-referenced case on behalf of Controlled Recovery Inc. ("CRI"). CRI did not learn of the issuance of this "emergency" order or the scheduling of this matter for hearing until today, March 21st. CRI has not yet had an opportunity to review the "emergency" order or the application filed in this matter. Accordingly, CRI has served the division's attorney with a copy of this entry of appearance for distribution to all appropriate parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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CRI'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Holland & Hart LLP on behalf of Controlled

| Recovery Inc. ("CRI"). | | 28 |
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CRI'S STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On March 11, 2005, the Division issued Emergency Order E-12307 allowing the Artesia Aeration LLC landfarm to accept salt-contaminated oilfield waste. Emergency Order E-12307 was issued on the basis of the allegations contained in Artesia Aeration's "Request for temporary emergency order allowing a landfarm to accept salt-contaminated oilfield waste." To CRI's knowledge, no evidence was presented or testimony taken in support of this request for "emergency" relief. The allegations contained in Artesia Aeration's request are not sufficient to establish an emergency. CRI and other properly permitted facilities are available in southeast New Mexico to accept salt contaminated oilfield wastes. Accordingly, no imminent threat to the public health and environment exits to support an emergency order, and the corresponding

infringement on the due process rights of these properly permitted facilities. Moreover, Emergency Order No. E-12307 contains the following findings:

- (11) The records of the Oil Conservation Division confirm Operator's description of conditions at the site of the landfarm.
- (12) Conditions at the site of the landfarm are such that the landfarm may accept salt-contaminated oilfields wastes without posing a hazard to groundwater.

To CRI's knowledge, no testimony or evidence was presented to support these "findings" and the public has not been afforded proper notice and an opportunity to be heard on these issues. Accordingly, Emergency Order No. E-12307 should be rescinded in its entirety and Artesia Aeration's pending request to accept salt contaminated oilfield waste should proceed under the normal course of events for permit applications.

CRI'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESSES ESTIMATED TIME EXHIBITS

Ken Marsh, President of CRI Approx. 20 Minutes Approx. 4

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Please see CRI's statement of the case.

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