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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU CHIEF TO REVOKE THE
PERMIT OF CRAWFORD TREATING COMPANY TO OPERATE AN OIL
TREATMENT PLANT; LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. 13025

**APPLICATION TO REVOKE TREATMENT FACILITY PERMIT
AND FORFEIT BOND**

1. By Order No. R-8219, issued in Case No. 8880, The Division granted to Dwight Crawford d/b/a Crawford Treating Company ("Crawford") a permit to operate an oil treating plant in the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, in Lea County, New Mexico.
2. Pursuant to the authority of the said order, Crawford established an oil treating plant ("the subject facility") at the above-described location and commenced operation thereof.
3. More than one year prior to the filing of this application, Crawford ceased operating the subject facility and abandoned the same, leaving at the site hydrocarbon and possibly other chemical contaminants that may constitute a danger to fresh water, public health and the environment.
4. Crawford has posted a surety bond in the amount of \$10,000 to secure its obligation to properly close the subject facility, in compliance with O.C.D. Rule 711. American Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company is the surety on said bond, and the number of the bond is 3SE439154.

WHEREFORE, the Chief of the Environmental Bureau of the Division hereby applies to the Director to enter an order:

- A. Determining that the subject facility has been abandoned.
- B. Rescinding Order No. R-8219, thereby terminating the authority of Crawford to operate the subject facility.
- C. Directing Crawford to clear and reclaim the subject facility in accordance with OCD Rule 711.
- D. Further ordering that if Crawford or his surety fails to investigate the extent of contamination and remediate the subject facility as ordered by the Director, the Division be authorized: (i) to clear and reclaim the site in accordance with OCD Rule 711; (ii) to declare forfeit the security furnished by the Crawford to the extent necessary to fully reimburse the Division for its expenses incurred in accomplishing the foregoing; and (iii) to take necessary and appropriate measures to recover from Crawford or his estate any costs incurred in excess of the amount of the bond or other security, if any.

- E. For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and proper under the circumstances.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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