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APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU CHIEF TO REVOKE THE PERMIT OF WATSON TREATING PLANT TO OPERATE AN OIL TREATMENT PLANT, AND TO RELEASE BOND: LEA COUNTY, NEW **MEXICO**

CASE NO. 13/66

APPLICATION TO REVOKE TREATMENT FACILITY PERMIT AND RELEASE BOND

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- B. Revoking the permit of Watson Treating Plant to operate the subject facility.
- C. Releasing bond No. BO1148.
- D. For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and proper under the circumstances.

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Attorney for The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division CASE <u>13166</u>: Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division through the Environmental Bureau Chief to Revoke the Permit of Watson Treating Plant to Operate an Oil Treatment Plant, and to Release Bond; Lea County, New Mexico. The Applicant seeks an order revoking the permit of Watson Treating Plant to operate an oil treatment plant located at Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 34 East, in Lea County, New Mexico. The facility was originally permitted under Order No. R-6095. Applicant also seeks an order releasing the bond on the subject facility.

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