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

THE APPLICATION OF LEA LAND, INC. FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL SURFACE WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 12645 ORDER NO. R-11572

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

THIS MATTER having come before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (hereinafter referred to as "the Division") on notice dated April 19, 2001 from Controlled Recovery Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "CRI"), by and through its attorneys, Holland & Hart LLP (Michael H. Feldewert, Esq.), that it now intends not to present any specific objections to the above-referenced application through witnesses, exhibits or otherwise, and the Director of the Division, having reviewed the letter of April 19, 2001 and the other submissions in this matter.

FINDS:

- 1. The Division previously issued its administrative order referring this matter for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") based on a finding that the application and hearing had the potential to generate significant public interest and the fact that CRI had specific objections to the pending application.
- 2. Now that the only party with specific objections to the application has withdrawn its objections, no specific objection exists to the application of Lea Land Inc.

3. The Oil Conservation Division has indicated that it intends to approve the application and that it meets all the criteria established for approval of such applications and, but for the requests for hearing and specific objections of CRI, the application would have already been approved.

4. The reasons that were previously present and justified referral of this matter to the Commission are no longer present and the referral is no longer needed and should be rescinded.

5. With the withdrawal of the specific objections of CRI, no potential for significant public interest remains and no hearing should therefore be conducted by the Division on the pending application.

6. The Division should issue approval of the application forthwith.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the referral of this matter to the Commission shall be and hereby is rescinded, the requests for hearing in this matter (to the extent they remain extant) should be and hereby are denied, and the application of Lea Land Inc. shall be approved by the Division forthwith.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 25th day of April, 2001.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

LORI WROTENBERY

DIRECTOR

