

# **EXHIBIT 9**

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**SUBJECT: Discovery on Utah Contention H in PFS Licensing Case**

Dear Bill,

You have asked me for more information regarding what constitutes the "zones" that I referred to in my letter to you of this morning. The term "zones" refers to each section of the hypothetical cask, pad, and reflecting boundary that were modeled by Holtec for its thermal analysis. Descriptive information about each of the zones identified in my letter (W1, W2, W3, W5, WU, WV, WW, WX, WY, WZ, WA, I1, I2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) can be found in the ASCII printouts of the case and data files for the three "runs" that were done by Holtec using the FLUENT Code:

For the ASCII file containing M68PFS.CAS and M68PFS.DAT, pages 3-6 of the printout define the location of each zone in the computational matrix, and pages 7-11 define some boundary conditions for each zone.

For the ASCII file containing M68PFS2.CAS and M68PFS2.DAT, pages 3-10 of the printout define the location of each zone in the computational matrix, and pages 11-15 define some boundary conditions for each zone,

For the ASCII file containing M68EH.CAS and M68EH.DAT, pages 3-10 of the printout define the location of each zone in the computational matrix, and pages 11-15 define some boundary conditions for each zone.

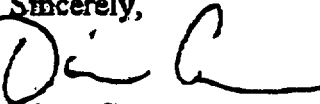
To repeat and clarify my request from this morning, for each of the zones identified in my letter the State would like to know what were the "choices" made by the Holtec analyst with respect to each one of the decision boxes that is identified in my letter. We request this information for the "PFS2" run only, which is represented by the ASCII printouts containing M68PFS2.CAS and M68PFS2.DAT.

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I hope this information is sufficient to clarify the State's request. Let me know if there is any problem.

Sincerely,



Diane Curran

cc: Denise Chancellor