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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001
Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

**Re: Private Fuel Storage
Docket No. 72-22, ASLBP No. 97-732**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed two copies of the Declaration of Dr. Alan Soler supporting "Applicant's Objections and Responses to State of Utah's Fifth Set of Discovery Requests." The Applicant regrets any inconvenience arising from its inability to obtain a signed copy of Dr. Soler's declaration before the delivery of its discovery response. The original of Dr. Soler's declaration as well as the original declaration of Paul Trudeau will be sent to the Commission shortly.

Please call me at 202-663-8304 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Gaukler

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)

PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE L.L.C.)

(Private Fuel Storage Facility))

Docket No. 72-22

ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI

DECLARATION OF DR. ALAN SOLER

Dr. Alan Soler states as follows under penalties of perjury:

1. I am an Executive Vice-President with Holtec International. In this position, I am responsible for the development of analytical methods to evaluate cask designs.
2. I am duly authorized to verify Applicant's Response to State's Fifth Requests for Discovery; specifically, Request for Admission No. 18 and Interrogatory No. 1.
3. I certify that the statements and opinions in such responses are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 13, 1999.


Dr. Alan Soler