

March 9, 2001

Mr. Brian Gutherman
Licensing Manager
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SUBJECT: HI-STORM 100 REVIEW SCHEDULE

Dear Mr. Gutherman:

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Holtec responds to RAI with complete and accurate submittal	August 10, 2001
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Upon completion of the preliminary SER and CoC, we will begin the rulemaking process to modify the list of approved casks described in 10 CFR Part 72, Subpart K. The NRC believes it is very important to keep schedules and regrets the need to delay the Holtec schedule, however, issues affecting operational capabilities to maintain nuclear safety need to be addressed. You may contact me at 301-415-2947 if you have any questions regarding our review of the amendment request.

Sincerely,
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Christopher P. Jackson, Project Manager
Spent Fuel Licensing Section
Spent Fuel Project Office
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