

September 20, 2001

Mr. Brian Gutherman
Licensing Manager
Holtec International
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Marlton, NJ 08053

SUBJECT: HOLTEC LETTER DATED JULY 20, 2001

Dear Mr. Gutherman:

By letter dated July 20, 2001, Holtec International (Holtec) responded to a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) letter from Christopher Jackson, dated July 16, 2001. The NRC letter stated that a 10 CFR Part 72 Certificate of Compliance (CoC) amendment would be needed to change the cask overpack design as depicted in a CoC figure, specifying the locations where surface dose measurements are required to be taken. The specific cask design change referenced was the relocation of the exit air vents from the cask overpack body to the cask overpack lid. The exit air vents are locations where the CoC requires dose measurements to be taken.

In the July 20, 2001, letter, Holtec takes issue with the conclusions stated in the NRC letter issued on July 16, 2001, and points out the Holtec interpretation of the CoC figure and specifically points out other deficiencies in the CoC figure. The staff has reviewed the July 20, 2001, Holtec letter and disagrees with the Holtec interpretation. The staff continues to assert that a 10 CFR Part 72 Certificate of Compliance (CoC) amendment would be needed to change the cask overpack design as depicted in a CoC figure, specifying the locations where surface dose measurements are required to be taken.

Your letter requests a face-to-face meeting on this subject with the Spent Fuel Project Office management. The NRC is receptive to a meeting on this subject and a meeting can be scheduled at your convenience. If you have any questions, please call the Holtec Project Manager, Christopher Jackson, or myself at 301-415-8500.

Sincerely,
/RA/ original signed by /s/
Charles L. Miller, Deputy Director
Licensing and Inspection Directorate
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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