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September 17, 1998

Mr. William F. Kane
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: November 5-6, 1998 HI-STAC Symposium
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kane:

Holtec International and UST&D are pleased to invite you to the 8th HI-STAC Symposium scheduled to be held at the Radisson Hotel in the vicinity of the UST&D fabrication facility in east Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As has been the case with all previous HI-STAC symposia, the Pittsburgh event will be focussed on familiarizing the utilities and decommissioning services organizations with the latest technical and regulatory developments in the spent fuel storage and transport technologies. We absolutely do not permit any sales and marketing flavor in the HI-STAC proceedings. As in the past, we expect a healthy overseas representation with delegates from nuclear active nations such as Japan, Spain, Brazil, and Korea.

In view of the many regulatory developments and policies enunciated by the SFPO in the past year, a presentation by you or your representative would be a most valuable and timely contribution to the global spent fuel industry. Of course, I realize that the many demands on your time and schedule, heightened by the rigorous self-imposed performance goals by the SFPO, may make it difficult for you to attend. However, I assure you that you will find a most appropriate and competent audience deeply involved in this field of our shared endeavor, should you be able to find the time to attend.

Please find attached information concerning the meetings, preliminary agenda, and directions to the Radisson Hotel. The final agenda will be posted on our web site at www.holtecinternational.com and we will also send you a hardcopy by mail.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 609-797-0900, Extension 636 or by fax at 609-797-0909.

Sincerely yours,

K.P. Singh
K.P. Singh, Ph.D.

President and CEO

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September 15, 1998

SUBJECT: 8th HI-STAC Symposium and Wet Storage Owners Council (WESOC)

Dear Colleague,

Holtec International is pleased to announce its 8th HI-STAC Symposium to be held at the Radisson Hotel located near the U.S. Tool & Die fabrication facility in Pittsburgh, Pa. The HI-STAC Symposium will be held November 5 and 6, 1998. In addition to presentations on emerging dry storage and transport issues by Holtec's engineers and our clients' representatives, a major highlight of the November meeting will include a tour of the UST&D fabrication facility and inspection of the full scale HI-STAR 100 and MPC-68 prototypes.

In conjunction with the HI-STAC Symposium, on November 4, 1998, we will hold the inaugural meeting of the Wet Storage Owners Council (WESOC). WESOC is dedicated to ensuring that the in-pool storage of spent nuclear fuel remains a safe and reliable technology.

A block of rooms is reserved at the Radisson Hotel at a rate of \$89 (plus tax) for attendees. To take advantage of this reduced rate, make your reservations no later than October 16 and mention Holtec International when making your reservations. The Radisson telephone reservation number is 412-373-7300. Attached are directions from the Pittsburgh airport to the Radisson. Transportation from the airport via Airlines Shuttle to the Radisson is available at a minimal cost. Information on the Radisson and other hotels available in the area can be found on the Holtec International Web Site at HOLTECINTERNATIONAL.COM.

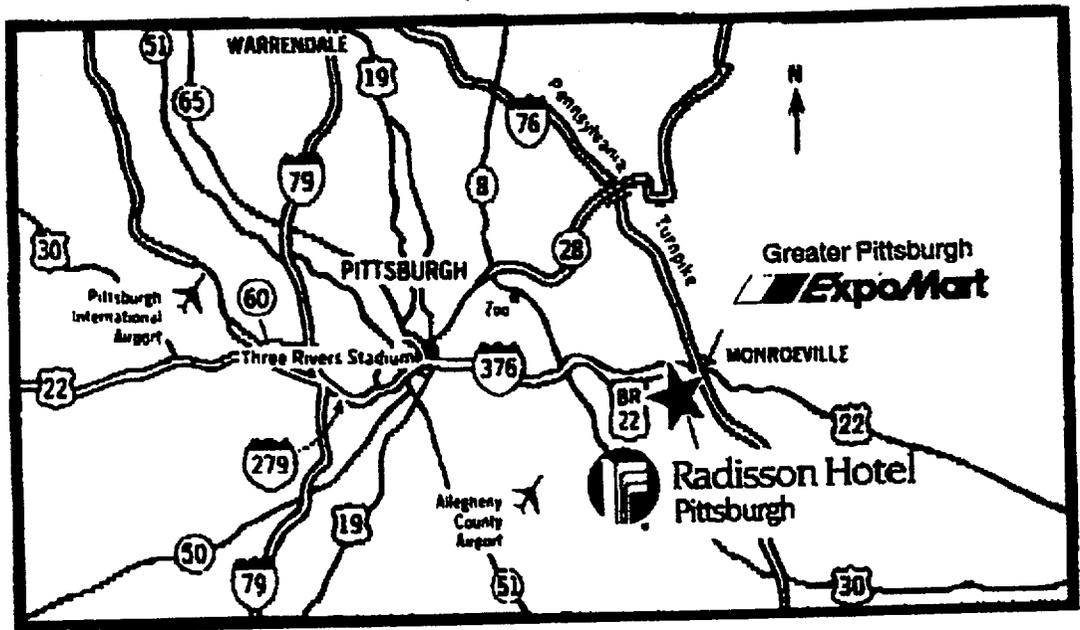
We trust that you will find the upcoming November 4-6 meetings to be technically relevant and professionally enhancing. A preliminary agenda is attached. The final agenda will be posted on the Holtec International Web Site by October 16, 1998. We sincerely wish that you will attend.

There is no registration fee for the WESOC or HI-STAC meetings. To facilitate meeting preparation, we ask that you contact Ms. Nancy Moreland no later than October 16, 1998, to inform her of your attendance. Respond via telephone at 609-797-0900, ext. 631 or via electronic mail to nancy_moreland@holtec.com.

Sincerely,

Joy Russell
Project Manger

**DIRECTIONS TO
THE GREATER PITTSBURGH EXPOMART AND RADISSON HOTEL**



FROM THE PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Upon exiting the airport drive, follow the signs to Pittsburgh. The route numbers on this main expressway are, at various times, PA Route 60, US Route 22/30, and Interstate 279. Stay on the main road (about 10 miles). As you approach the Fort Pitt Tunnel, get into the right lane. Cross the Fort Pitt Bridge and bear right onto I-376 (Parkway East). Follow I-376 through the Squirrel Hill Tunnel and continue to Exit 14 Business Route 22. Follow directions below:

FROM PITTSBURGH VIA THE PARKWAY EAST (I-376):

Take Exit 14 onto Business Route 22. Proceed two miles. Crossing bridge, take first or second drive on the right. First drive, marked MONROEVILLE MALL and RADISSON HOTEL, is TRUCK ENTRY and entry to EXPOMART West Wing Parking Lot; second drive is for EXPOMART East and South Wing Parking. To reach RADISSON HOTEL, use either drive, continue to stop sign, turn left and follow further directional signs.

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE (I-76):

Take Exit 6 from Turnpike and follow signs to Business Route 22 and Monroeville. Go west on Business Route 22 for two miles. To reach RADISSON HOTEL or EXPOMART, follow signs to MONROEVILLE MALL, using TRUCK ENTRY (turning left at light) or MAIN ENTRY (bearing right and crossing over Route 22). As you approach the underpass, EXPOMART West Wing Parking Lot is on the right; East Wing Parking Lot is on the left; South Wing uses either lot. To reach RADISSON HOTEL, continue under EXPOMART, turn left at stop sign and follow further directional signs.

**RADISSON HOTEL PITTSBURGH (412) 373-7300
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**INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE
WET STORAGE OWNERS COUNCIL (WESOC)**

November 4, 1998

Holtec International

Held at the Radisson Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA.

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:30 a.m.	Welcome Coffee	Holtec
9:00 a.m.	Welcome/Introduction	TBA K.P. Singh (Holtec)
9:30 a.m.	Impact of Boraflex Degradation on Spent Fuel Pools/Coupon Testing	S. Turner (Holtec)
10:00 a.m.	Status of Rerack Licensing Amendment Requests and Emerging Issues	K. Singh (Holtec)
10:45	Break	ALL
11:00 a.m.	Round Table to Determine WESOC Charter, etc.	ALL
12:00 a.m.	Lunch	ALL
1:00 p.m.	Fuel Handling Hazards in High Density Racks	M. Shaffer (GPU)
1:45 p.m.	Utilizing Non-Traditional Storage Space	C. Blessing (Holtec)
2:30 p.m.	Break	ALL
2:45 p.m.	Utilities' Perspective on Pool Reracking	TBA
3:30 p.m.	Capabilities and Limitations of Blackness Testing	S Turner (Holtec)
4:15 p.m.	Reracking Fuel Pools (Video Presentation)	E. Bush (Holtec)
5:00 p.m.	Session Wrap-up	TBA

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA: Thursday, November 5

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:30 a.m.	Welcome Coffee	Holtec
9:00 a.m.	Welcome/Introduction and Review of Previous Meeting Recommendations	TBA K.P. Singh (Holtec)
9:30 a.m.	HI-STAR/HI-STORM Overview and Licensing Update/Status	B. Gilligan (Holtec)
10:15 a.m.	Break	All
10:30 a.m.	HI-STAR/HI-STORM Technology Differentiation form the User's Perspective	S. Agace (Holtec)
11:15 a.m.	Qualifying ISFSI Pads for Drop and Tip-Over Events	TBA
12:00 a.m.	Lunch	ALL
1:00 p.m.	Utility Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dresden 1 ISFSI Implementation - Dry Storage for Humboldt Bay and Diablo Canyon - Defense-in-Depth Approach to HI-STORM ISFSI at Plant Hatch - Progress at the Private Fuel Storage Project - Utility Perspectives on Dry Spent Fuel Storage Selection Process 	(ComEd) (PG&E) (Southern Nuclear) (NSP) (NYPA)
2:30 p.m.	Tour of UST&D (transportation provided)	R. Moscardini (UST&D)
5:30 p.m.	Session Wrap-up	TBA

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA: Friday, November 6

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:30 a.m.	Test Data and Qualification of Holtite A	S. Turner (Holtec)
9:15 a.m.	HI-STAR and HI-STORM for High Seismic Regions	TBA
10:00 a.m.	Qualifying the AL-STAR™ Impact Limiter for HI-STAR 100	TBA
10:30 a.m.	Break	ALL
11:30 a.m.	HI-STAR and MPC Applications in Japan	TBA
10:45 a.m.	NRC Perspectives on Implementation and Certification of Dry Storage Systems	TBA
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	ALL
1:00 p.m.	Breakout Session for Open Discussion Between Utility Representatives	TBA (Moderator)
2:00 p.m.	Review of Utility Recommendations and Summary Wrap-Up	TBA (Moderator)
3:00 p.m.	Meeting Adjournment	ALL