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Subject: Review Schedule for HI-STAR 100 Transportation Application

Reference: NRC Docket Nos. 71-9261, 72-1008 and 72-1014
TAC Nos. L22019, L22085 and L22221
Holtec Project 5014

Dear Mr. Delligatti:

In response to your July 27, 1998 letter, Holtec International requests that the Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO) staff give review of the HI-STAR 100 Safety Analysis Report (SAR) (Holtec Report No. HI-951251) the next highest priority after completion of the ongoing HI-STAR 100 TSAR safety evaluation effort. Amendment to the HI-STAR 100 storage application to incorporate the MPC-32 has a lower schedular imperative than the HI-STAR 100 SAR certification. However, we expect that the staff's review of the HI-STAR 100 SAR will include completion of the review of the MPC-32 for transport in accordance with 10CFR71. As we have discussed previously, Holtec will submit Revision 7 to the HI-STAR 100 SAR upon completion of the HI-STAR 100 storage review, such that all enhancements in the TSAR document germane to the SAR (transport) are appropriately incorporated.

Regarding the proposed schedule for the NRC review of the HI-STORM 100 overpack, Holtec intends to incorporate the lessons learned from the HI-STAR 100 storage SER/COC activities to facilitate the HI-STORM 100 process, and to eliminate the need for the second round RAI. Successful implementation of the lessons learned would, hopefully, reduce the NRC's published schedule significantly and enable us to better serve our utility clients in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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