

January 28, 2003

Mr. Brian Gutherman  
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Holtec International  
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Marlton, NJ 08053

SUBJECT: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE DETERMINATION (TAC NO. L23424)

Dear Mr. Gutherman:

By letter dated March 4, 2002 (Document ID 5014452), Holtec International submitted Proprietary and Nonproprietary versions of Revision 0 to HI-STORM 100 Certificate of Compliance 1014 License Amendment Request 2 (LAR 1014-2) to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in accordance with 10 CFR Part 72. The letter included an affidavit executed by you dated February 28, 2002. The affidavit requests the following be considered proprietary:

- Proposed changes to Certificate of Compliance 1014, Appendix B, Sections 2.4.2.1 through 2.4.2.4
- Final Safety Evaluation Report, Proposed Revision 2A, highlighted portions of Sections 4.4.1.1.9 (Specifically, last paragraph on Page 4.4-20, all information contained on Page 4.4-213 to include the \* Footnote, the first paragraph and the third paragraph to the end of the page on Page 4.4-22, and all Section 4.4.1.1.9 information on Page 4.4-23)
- Final Safety Evaluation Report, Proposed Revision 2A, highlighted portions of Section 12.2.10.2 (Specifically all Section 12.2.10.2 information contained on Pages 12.2-5, 12.2-6, and 12.2-7)

Your affidavit requests this information be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790 for the following reasons:

- (1) The information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by Holtec's competitors without license from Holtec International constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- (2) The information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.
- (3) The Information which reveals aspects of past, present, or future Holtec International customer-funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Holtec International.
- (4) The Information which discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection.

(5) The information classified as proprietary was developed and compiled by Holtec International at a significant cost to Holtec International. This information is classified as proprietary because it contains detailed descriptions of analytical approaches and methodologies not available elsewhere. This information would provide other parties, including competitors, with information from Holtec International's technical database and the results of evaluations performed by Holtec International. Release of this information would improve a competitor's position without the competitor having to expend similar resources for the development of the database. A substantial effort has been expended by Holtec International to develop this information.

Based on your March 4, 2002, submittal, our review of the proprietary information and the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790, we have determined that the information described above, as enclosed with your letter (Document ID 5014452), should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. It is the NRC's policy to achieve an effective balance between legitimate concerns for protection of competitive positions and the right of the public to be fully apprised of the basis for and effects of licensing and rulemaking actions.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

Per your request, this information shall be withheld from public disclosure until such time when rulemaking proceedings for approval of your revised amendment request, dated October 31, 2002, commence, scheduled for November 2003. Should rulemaking be terminated or delayed, it is at the discretion of the Commission whether to continue withholding the aforementioned information from public disclosure. Additionally, if the basis for your request for withholding this information from public disclosure should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. Please be advised that the NRC may have additional cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your withheld information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

/RA/  
Christopher M. Regan, Project Manager  
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Spent Fuel Project Office  
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