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Reference: Docket No. 71-9336, TAC No. L24121  
Holtec Project 1630  
[1] Holtec Letter 1630042-NRC, dated November 21, 2008

Subject: Electronic Files Supporting Response to RAI on Certificate of Compliance (CoC)  
License Application for HI-STAR 60 Package

Dear Mr. Saverot:

The enclosures to this letter are electronic input and output files supporting the structural review of the HI-STAR 60 Transport Package Response to RAI submitted in Holtec Letter 1630042-NRC [1].

An affidavit pursuant to 10CFR2.390 (Attachment 1) is included to request withholding of this information due to its proprietary nature.

Sincerely,

Tammy Morin  
Acting Licensing Manager  
Holtec International

Attachments:

[1] Non-Proprietary Affidavit Pursuant to 10CFR2.390

cc: Mr. Pierre Saverot, Project Manager, SFST, NMSS, USNRC  
Mr. Eric Benner, Branch Chief, SFST, NMSS, USNRC (Cover Letter Only)  
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I, Tammy S. Morin, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

- (1) I have reviewed the information described in paragraph (2) which is sought to be withheld, and am authorized to apply for its withholding.
- (2) The information sought to be withheld are the enclosures to Holtec Letter, Document ID 1630043-NRC, which contain Holtec Proprietary information.
- (3) In making this application for withholding of proprietary information of which it is the owner, Holtec International relies upon the exemption from disclosure set forth in the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 USC Sec. 552(b)(4) and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 USC Sec. 1905, and NRC regulations 10CFR Part 9.17(a)(4), 2.390(a)(4), and 2.390(b)(1) for "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential" (Exemption 4). The material for which exemption from disclosure is here sought is all "confidential commercial information", and some portions also qualify under the narrower definition of "trade secret", within the meanings assigned to those terms for purposes of FOIA Exemption 4 in, respectively, Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 975F2d871 (DC Cir. 1992), and Public Citizen Health Research Group v. FDA, 704F2d1280 (DC Cir. 1983).
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY     )  
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COUNTY OF BURLINGTON )

Ms. Tammy S. Morin, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he has read the foregoing affidavit and the matters stated therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed at Marlton, New Jersey, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2008.

  
Tammy S. Morin  
Holtec International

Subscribed and sworn before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2008.



MARIA C. MASSI  
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY  
My Commission Expires April 25, 2010

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2. PREAMBLE

This certificate is issued to certify that the package (packaging and contents) described in Item 5 below meets the applicable safety standards set forth in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."

This certificate does not relieve the consignor from compliance with any requirement of the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation or other applicable regulatory agencies, including the government of any country through or into which the package will be transported

3. THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF A SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT OF THE PACKAGE DESIGN OR APPLICATION

a. ISSUED TO (Name and Address)  
Holtec International  
Holtec Center  
555 Lincoln Drive West  
Marlton, NJ 08053

b. TITLE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REPORT OR APPLICATION  
Holtec International Report No. HI-2073710, Safety Analysis Report on HI-STAR 60 Transport Package, Revision 1, dated November 21, 2008.

4. CONDITIONS

This certificate is conditional upon fulfilling the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, as applicable, and the conditions specified below.

5.

(a) Packaging

(1) Model No.: HI-STAR 60

(2) Description

The HI-STAR 60 Packaging consists of a cask with a fuel basket, a pair of impact limiters, and if necessary a personnel barrier. The HI-STAR 60 Packaging is designed for transportation of used nuclear fuel with a fuel basket that provides criticality control and a cask that provides the containment boundary, helium retention boundary, gamma and neutron radiation shielding, and heat rejection. The outer diameter of the HI-STAR 60 Packaging is approximately 1924 mm (75.8 in) without impact limiters and approximately 2864 mm (112.8 inches) with impact limiters. Maximum gross weight of the loaded HI-STAR 60 Packaging as presented for transport is 74.4 Metric Tons (164,000 lbs). Specific tolerances germane to the safety analyses are called out in the drawings listed below.

Fuel Basket

There is one fuel basket model designated as the F-12. The double digits in the model number designate the fuel assembly capacity. The F-12 fuel basket is designed to contain Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) fuel assemblies.

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The HI-STAR 60 basket is a fully welded, stainless steel, honeycomb structure and features flux traps between some but not all cells.

#### Cask

The HI-STAR 60 cask is a multi-layer steel cylinder with a welded baseplate and bolted lid (closure plate). The inner shell of the cask forms an internal cylindrical cavity for housing the basket. The outer surface of the cask inner shell is buttressed with intermediate steel shells for radiation shielding. The cask closure plate incorporates a dual O-ring design to ensure its containment function. The containment system consists of the cask inner shell, bottom plate, top flange, top closure plate, top closure inner O-ring seal, vent port plug and seal, and drain port plug and seal.

#### Impact Limiters

The HI-STAR 60 Cask is fitted with two impact limiters. Impact limiter aluminum honeycomb crush material and neutron shield are completely enclosed by an all-welded stainless steel skin. One impact limiter is attached to the top of the cask with 8 studs and nuts and one impact limiter is attached to the bottom of the cask with 8 studs and nuts.

### (3) Drawings

The package shall be constructed and assembled in accordance with the following drawings or figures in Holtec International Report No. HI-2073710, Safety Analysis Report on HI-STAR 60 Transport Package, Revision 1, Section 1.3:

- (a) HI-STAR 60 Cask                      Drawing 5238, Sheets 1-7, Rev. 3
- (b) HI-STAR 60 Fuel Basket            Drawing 5217, Sheets 1-3, Rev. 4
- (c) HI-STAR 60 Impact Limiter        Drawing 5237, Sheets 1-3, Rev. 3

### (b) Contents

#### (1) Type, Form, and Quantity of Material

- (a) Fuel assemblies meeting the specifications and quantities provided in Appendix A to this Certificate of Compliance and meeting the requirements provided in Conditions 5.(b) are authorized for transportation.

- (b) The following definitions apply:

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**Undamaged Fuel Assemblies** are fuel assemblies without known or suspected cladding defects, as determined by a review of records, greater than pinhole leaks or hairline cracks, whose structural integrity has not been impaired such that geometric rearrangement of fuel or gross failure of the cladding is not expected based on engineering evaluations, and which can be handled by normal means. Fuel assemblies without fuel rods in fuel rod locations shall not be classified as undamaged fuel assemblies unless dummy fuel rods are used to displace an amount of water greater than or equal to that displaced by the original fuel rod(s).

**Minimum Enrichment** is the minimum assembly average enrichment. Natural uranium blankets are not considered in determining minimum enrichment.

**Non-Fuel Hardware** are removable fuel assembly hardware not used to produce thermal energy in the reactor but considered high-level waste.

**ZR** means any zirconium-based fuel cladding materials authorized for use in a commercial nuclear power plant reactor.

(c) Criticality Safety Index (CSI)=0.0

6. In addition to the requirements of Subpart G of 10 CFR Part 71:

(a) Each package shall be both prepared for shipment and operated in accordance with detailed written operating procedures. Procedures for both preparation and operation shall be developed. At a minimum, those procedures shall include the provisions provided in Chapter 7 of the HI-STAR SAR.

(b) All acceptance tests and maintenance shall be performed in accordance with detailed written procedures. Procedures for acceptance testing and maintenance shall be developed and shall include the provisions provided in Chapter 8 of the HI-STAR SAR.

(c) The HI-STAR 60 containment boundary shall be designed, manufactured, and tested according to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section III, Division 1, Subsection NB – Class 1 Components, 2004, with the Code alternatives listed in SAR Table 2.1.17

7. The personnel barrier shall be installed and remain installed while transporting a loaded cask if necessary to meet cask surface temperature and/or package dose rates.

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8. The package authorized by this certificate is hereby approved for use under the general license provisions of 10 CFR 71.17.

9. Expiration Date: TBD

**REFERENCES:**

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FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

TBD, Chief  
 Licensing Section  
 Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation  
 Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Date: TBD

Attachment: Appendix A

**APPENDIX A**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE NO. 9336, REVISION 0**

**MODEL NO. HI-STAR 60 SYSTEM**

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Fuel Assembly Limits

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I. BASKET MODEL: F-12

A. Allowable Contents

1. Uranium Oxide, PWR undamaged fuel assemblies meeting requirements in Table A.2, A.4, and the following specifications:

- a. Cladding Type: Zr-4 per ASTM B 811-1997 or equivalent
- b. Maximum Initial Enrichment: 4.1 wt% <sup>235</sup>U
- c. Post-irradiation cooling time, average burnup, and minimum initial enrichment per assembly: As specified in Table A.3
- d. Decay heat per assembly: ≤ 0.875 kW
- e. Fuel assembly length: ≤ 3530 mm (nominal design)
- f. Fuel assembly width: ≤ 199.3 mm (nominal design)
- g. Fuel assembly weight: ≤ 471 kg

B. Quantity per F-12: Up to 12 PWR fuel assemblies

C. Fuel assemblies shall not contain non-fuel hardware.

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PWR FUEL ASSEMBLY CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Fuel Assembly Type</b>	<b>15x15</b>
Design Initial U (kg/assy.)	≤ 300
No. of Fuel Rod Locations	204
Fuel Rod Clad O.D. (mm)	≥10.0
Fuel Rod Clad thickness (mm)	≥ 0.7
Fuel Pellet Dia. (mm)	≤8.43
Fuel Rod Pitch (mm)	≤13.3
Active Fuel Length (mm)	≤2900
No. of Guide and/or Instrument Tubes	21
Guide/Instrument Tube Thickness (mm)	≥0.5

Notes:

1. All dimensions are nominal values

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Table A.3 (Page 1 of 1)  
PWR FUEL ASSEMBLY COOLING, AVERAGE BURNUP, AND INITIAL ENRICHMENT

<b>Post-Irradiation Cooling Time (years)</b>	<b>Assembly Burnup (MWD/MTU)</b>	<b>Assembly Initial Enrichment (wt% <sup>235</sup>U)</b>
≥ 5	≤ 45,000	≥ 3.6
≥ 5	≤ 40,000	≥ 3.4
≥ 5	≤ 37,000	≥ 3.0
≥ 5	≤ 30,000	≥ 2.67
≥ 5	≤ 27,000	≥ 2.4

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TABLE A.4  
 REQUIRED CRITICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMMERCIAL SPENT FUEL AND  
 HOST REACTOR

<b>Host Reactor Operating Parameters</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Reactor Type	Base Load Light Water Pressurized Reactor
Average rod power in the reactor during normal reactor operations	< 20 kW/m
Maximum rod power in the reactor during normal reactor operations	< 60 kW/m
Minimum Reactor coolant inlet temperature	> 523 °F (273 °C)
Maximum Reactor coolant outlet temperature	< 624 °F (329 °C)
Maximum Soluble Boron Content in Core	< 1500 ppm
Typical Cycle Length	12 to 24 month
pH value of primary coolant	Between 4.2 (high boric acid concentration) and 10.5 (low boric acid concentration) at 25 Deg C
Hydrogen control of primary coolant system	25 to 50 cm <sup>3</sup> (STP)/kg-H <sub>2</sub> O
<b>Fuel Parameters</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Initial fill pressure	< 3.44 MPa
Maximum end-of-life hoop stress in the cladding @ 400 °C peak cladding temperature	90 MPa
Co-59 content of fuel assembly hardware (end fittings, spacer grids, etc.)	< 1200 ppm
Maximum cladding oxide thickness at EOL	0.05 mm

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- Attachment 10- HI-2073716, Rev. 3, "Structural Calculation Package for HI-STAR 60"
- Attachment 11- HI-2084166, Rev. 0, "Calculation Package For HI-STAR 60 Drop Simulations Using Differential Equation Method"
- Attachment 12- HI-2073725, Rev. 2, "Finite Element Impact Analyses Supporting HI-STAR 60 SAR"
- Attachment 13- HI-2073743, Rev 1, "Benchmarking of LS-DYNA Impact Response Prediction Model for the HI-STAR Transport Package using the AL-STAR Impact Limiter Test Data" – Except Appendix D
- Attachment 14- Licensing Drawings - 5217 Revisions 2 and 3; 5237 Revision 2; and 5238 Revision 2
- Attachment 15- HI-992252, Rev. 1, "Topical Report on the HI-STAR/HI-STORM Thermal Model and its Benchmarking with Full-Size Cask Test Data"
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