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Mr. Mark Lombard
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Updated Schedule for Holtec Licensing of HI-STORE Interim Storage Facility
Docket Number: 72-1051

Reference: [1] Holtec Letter 5025001, "Notice of Intent to License the ELEA Interim Storage Facility and Request to Establish a New Part 72 Docket," from S. Anton (Holtec) to M. Lombard (NRC), dated August 3, 2015

[2] Holtec Letter 5025002, "Schedule for Holtec Licensing of HI-STORE Interim Storage Facility" from S. Anton (Holtec) to M. Lombard (NRC), dated March 29, 2016

Dear Director Lombard:

We are pleased to inform you that the Site Specific Licensing application to establish a Consolidated Interim Facility, named HI-STORE CIS (Ref [1]), is under preparation in full accord with Regulatory Guide 3.50 and NUREG-1567. The updated schedule to complete the required work to tender high quality and comprehensive safety documentation to the Commission is March 31, 2017.

Our intent is to establish the HI-STORE CIS in a sparsely populated area in Southeast New Mexico on a parcel of land previously purchased by Eddy Lea Energy Alliance (ELEA), LLC. Holtec International will secure the land from ELEA, build, and operate the facility.

The site specific license application will be supported by the FSAR and Technical Specification for the HI-STORM UMAX canister storage system (Docket # 72-1040). This will be the only storage system deployed at the HI-STORE CIS. The HI-STORE CIS is envisaged to serve as a universal storage system for all canisters presently licensed by the NRC and loaded at a US ISFSI. To effect a universal system, the list of contents for HI-STORM UMAX is being

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expanded through license amendment requests. The first request was submitted on August 30, 2016 to include the NUHOMS 24PT-1 canister presently deployed at SONGS.

We greatly appreciate your consideration to plan the deployment of the necessary review and management resources corresponding to the above submittal date for an expeditious review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Mayer".

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