

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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March 26, 2018

Ms. Karen Hadden SEED Coalition 605 Carismatic Lane Austin, TX 78748

SUBJECT: HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL'S APPLICATION FOR CONSOLIDATED INTERIM

SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITY LICENSE IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

DOCKET NO. 72-1051

Dear Ms. Hadden:

I am writing in response to your e-mail to Chairman Svinicki dated February 25, 2018. In that e-mail, you forwarded a letter from 21 members of the State of New Mexico's House of Representatives, requesting the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to extend the public comment scoping period related to Holtec International's proposed Consolidated Interim Storage Facility license application. In the letter, the legislators explained that the typical 45-day comment period would conclude before the New Mexico legislature has the opportunity to hold public hearings, receive expert testimony, get citizen input and make scoping recommendations. The legislators requested that the NRC leave the scoping comment period open until after the end of the next legislative session in 2019, to allow the New Mexico Legislature and state agencies an opportunity to fully review critical issues in the appropriate legislative interim committees and make policy recommendations that can be included as scoping comments.

As requested in your e-mail, enclosed for your information is a copy of the NRC staff's response to the letter from the State of New Mexico Legislators. If you would like to discuss any of these matters, please contact John McKirgan, Chief of the Spent Fuel Licensing Branch, at (301) 415-5722.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Victor M. McCree Executive Director for Operations

Enclosure: As stated

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