



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

May 11, 2018

The Honorable Tom Udall  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Udall:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of April 24, 2018, asking us to consider scheduling two additional public scoping meetings associated with preparation of an environmental impact statement for the proposed Holtec HI-STORE Combined Interim Storage Facility in Lea County, New Mexico.

As discussed with your staff on May 9, 2018, we have scheduled two additional scoping meetings—on May 21 in Gallup and May 22 in Albuquerque. Those meetings are being announced on our public meeting webpage, through a *Federal Register* notice, and via an NRC press release and NRC social media. In addition, we have extended the public scoping period for an additional 60 days, until July 30, to ensure all interested stakeholders have an opportunity to provide comments.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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Identical letter sent to:

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