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Dear Members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

Holtec International's plan to create an interim storage facility in southern New Mexico for our nation's spent nuclear fuel is irresponsible and dangerous.

New Mexico has already suffered too much from irresponsible companies making short term gains and then leaving us to clean up the long term messes they leave behind.

It is your responsibility to make sure that it doesn't happen again. According to federal law, Holtec can't be awarded a contract for the project, unless the NRC must perform an environmental impact study that demonstrates the project would not cause harm to the environment or local communities. The responsibility is on your shoulders.

New Mexico's citizens made it clear at the NRC's public meeting in Albuquerque that Holtec has failed the test. Since this project would involve aggregating spent nuclear material from across the entire country and transporting it by train to southern New Mexico, its potential impacts go beyond the local community of Carlsbad-Hobbs, where the facility would be built. They include the rest of the state as well.

New Mexico might get a few jobs from this project in the short run, but the risks and the potential longterm damage are too great to justify the risks involved.

Single site intermediate storage is a bad idea to begin with. The geology of the proposed site in southeastern New Mexico (mostly sandstone and limestone, soft sedimentary rock) makes it worse.

We are counting on you!

With many thanks for protecting us from this project,

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