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## General Comment

This comment is in relation to the proposed Holtec International spent fuel storage project in Southeast New Mexico. I live in Southern NM and would like to call on the protective & accountability objectives of the NRC in considering public & environmental impacts for the following reasons: 1) jobs created would not be remotely worth potential dangers to state residents & businesses; 2) safety and security of infrastructure systems for transporting this level of fuel through the state are completely inadequate, & there are no sufficient plans to improve them to the extent required; 3) it is unfair & economically inadvisable to require a state already burdened with nuclear waste to store yet significantly more, when NM is not home to the nuclear plants; 4) NM already has excessive uranium (not to mention methane) air & groundwater pollution problems, which cause health & economic problems yet to be fully addressed & worse than other states; 5) the site is not likely to remain interim for 40 years, with current proposed additional time extensions, despite having inadequate safeguards even for temporary storage.

It is difficult to convey how very extreme my opposition is to this project, how very irresponsible it is to the public of NM, & how very cavalier proposals to put it into effect have been in relation to actual danger & loss to a state already severely disadvantaged.