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Attn: NRC Holtec application for New Mexico

Enclosed is a letter I wrote for the scoping hearings in NM earlier this year. I do not consent to this highly controversial project that has very little benefit and A LOT OF RISK for the businesses and residents of New Mexico.

Thank you,  
Allen G. Squire DVM  
Southwind Dairy owner and operator

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The New Mexico dairy industry currently has a total economic impact exceeding \$5 billion dollars annually, second only to oil and gas revenues in economic impact to our state. The dairy industry currently provides employment for nearly 6,000 people directly and over 17,000 jobs are generated indirectly when dairies hire various businesses and contractors to provide the goods, services and commodities necessary for getting fresh milk from the farm to the processor.

Most of the milk produced in New Mexico is delivered to two large cheese plants, Leprino Foods in Roswell and Southwest Cheese in Clovis. Southwest Cheese is the largest cheese plant in the world. Both of these businesses employ hundreds of local people. Semi trucks are generally used to haul raw milk from the dairy farms to these processing plants.

A large percentage of dairy feeds, such as cottonseed, corn products, grains, and baled hay are either brought in on rail or trucked into the area on semis, utilizing the same transportation routes that are being proposed for the movement of nuclear fuel rods to the proposed storage facility near Carlsbad. Dairy feed commodities will be moved from farms throughout the Midwest and most of the hay fed to local dairy cattle will be produced on irrigated farmland in New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Arizona or Kansas.

Any business owner will tell you that allowances must be made on a day to day basis to anticipate the unexpected by acknowledging the existence of “Murphy’s Law,” which is an old saying to the effect that anything that can go wrong will go wrong. “Murphy” was in action the day that synthetic kitty litter was substituted for clay at the WIPP site. The odds of a very significant human error taking place at the proposed storage facility over the next hundred years or so would seem astronomical based upon the past performance of the nuclear industry. The generation of all of this waste with no solid plan in place for ultimately dealing with it is the hallmark of an industry that has never really been held accountable for actions or inactions that greatly harmed others.

A contamination event that released radionuclides onto our railways, highways, towns or farmland, or into our stored commodities, irrigation water, drinking water, or into the air that we and our animals breathe could cause serious disruption of our ability to market highly perishable dairy products. An entire local industry could be destroyed in the midst of widespread consumer panic that would most certainly follow such an accident.

All these things being considered, this project poses inherent disproportionate long term risk with minimal, if any, benefit for the people living here, raising families here and trying to make an honest living here.

Allen G. Squire, DVM  
Dairy owner and operator