

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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August 27, 2018

Mr. Krishna P. Singh President & CEO Holtec International 1 Holtec Boulevard Camden, NJ 08104

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON JULY 19, 2018, LETTER TO THE U.S NUCLEAR

REGULATORY COMMISSION REGARDING HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL'S APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC LICENSE FOR THE PROPOSED HI-STORE CONSOLIDATED INTERIM SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITY IN LEA

COUNTY, NEW MEXICO (DOCKET NUMBER: 72-1051)

Dear Mr. Singh:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated July 30, 2018, requesting that the Commission denies a July 19, 2018, request by Mr. Terry J. Lodge and others to extend the scoping comment period, suspend the opportunity to request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene on Holtec International's (Holtec's) application for a specific license for the proposed HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Spent Fuel Storage Facility. The NRC published a notice of opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene in the *Federal Register* on July 16, 2018 (83 FR 32919).

The NRC responded to the July 19, 2018, request by Mr. Terry J. Lodge and others, on July 30, 2018 [NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML18211A182]. In its July 30, 2018, response, the NRC staff explained that it was not planning to further extend the scoping period. The NRC staff also explained that any request to modify the 60-day deadline for intervention on the Holtec's application is determined by the Commission itself, not by the NRC staff.

If you would like to discuss any of these matters, please contact Mr. José Cuadrado, Project Manager, by telephone at (301) 415-0606 or via email at <a href="Jose.Cuadrado@nrc.gov">Jose.Cuadrado@nrc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Michael C. Layton, Director
Division of Spent Fuel Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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