

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matters of	)	
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HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL	)	Docket No. 72-1051
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(HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage Facility)	)	
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INTERIM STORAGE PARTNERS LLC	)	Docket No. 72-1050
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(WCS Consolidated Interim Storage Facility)	)	
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**ORDER**

On July 16, 2018, the NRC provided notice in the *Federal Register* of Holtec International's application to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel.<sup>1</sup> Separately, on August 29, 2018, the NRC provided notice in the *Federal Register* of Interim Storage Partners' application to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel.<sup>2</sup>

On September 14, 2018, Beyond Nuclear, Fasken Land and Minerals, and Permian Basin Land and Royalty Owners filed motions to dismiss both the Holtec and Interim Storage Partners applications.<sup>3</sup> These groups argue that the NRC cannot, as a threshold matter, issue

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<sup>1</sup> Holtec International HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage Facility for Interim Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel, 83 Fed. Reg. 32,919 (July 16, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> Interim Storage Partner's Waste Control Specialists Consolidated Interim Storage Facility, 83 Fed. Reg. 44,070 (Aug. 29, 2018), corrected, 83 Fed. Reg. 44,608 (Aug. 31, 2018) (noting that the correct deadline to file intervention petitions is October 29, 2018). Interim Storage Partners is a joint venture of Orano USA and Waste Control Specialists.

<sup>3</sup> Beyond Nuclear filed its own motion to dismiss. *Beyond Nuclear, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss Licensing Proceedings for Hi-Store Consolidated Interim Storage Facility and WCS Consolidated Interim Storage Facility for Violation of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act* (Sept. 14,

licenses to Holtec or Interim Storage Partners because both applications are contrary to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPAct). Specifically, the groups argue that both applications contemplate the storage of Department of Energy-titled spent fuel in violation of various NWPAct provisions.

The NRC's regulations allow interested persons to file petitions to intervene and requests for hearing in which they can raise concerns regarding a particular license application. These regulations do not, however, provide for the filing of threshold "motions to dismiss" a license application; instead, interested persons must file petitions to intervene and be granted a hearing. I therefore deny both motions to dismiss on procedural grounds, without prejudice to the underlying merits of the legal arguments embedded within the motions.

Beyond Nuclear also filed hearing petitions in the Holtec and Interim Storage Partners proceedings that incorporated by reference the NWPAct arguments that it raised in its motion to dismiss and identified those arguments as proposed contentions.<sup>4</sup> I am separately referring these hearing requests—as well as other hearing requests challenging the applications—to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP) for the establishment of a Board to consider *all* hearing requests in accordance with the hearing procedures set forth in 10 C.F.R. §2.309. And, in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.346(i), I am referring the motion from Fasken Land and

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2018) (ADAMS Accession No. ML18257A318). Fasken Land and Minerals joined with Permian Basin Land and Royalty Owners to file a motion to dismiss that is substantially similar to Beyond Nuclear's motion. *Motion of Fasken Land and Minerals and Permian Basin Land and Royalty Owners to Dismiss Licensing Proceedings for Hi-Store Consolidated Interim Storage Facility and WCS Consolidated Interim Storage Facility* (Sept. 14, 2018) (ML18257A330). Both the NRC Staff and respective applicants filed oppositions to the motions, and Beyond Nuclear, Fasken Land and Minerals, and Permian Basin Land and Royalty Owners then filed replies.

<sup>4</sup> *Beyond Nuclear, Inc.'s Hearing Request and Petition to Intervene* (Sept. 14, 2018) (ML18257A324) (Holtec docket); *Beyond Nuclear, Inc.'s Hearing Request and Petition to Intervene* (Oct. 3, 2018) (ML18276A242) (Interim Storage Partners docket). Fasken Land and Minerals and Permian Basin Land and Royalty Owners have not filed related hearing petitions in either docket.

Minerals and Permian Basin Land and Royalty Owners to the ASLBP for consideration under § 2.309.

This Order is issued under my authority in 10 C.F.R. § 2.346(c), (g), (i), and (j).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Commission

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Rockville, Maryland,  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018

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