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COMMENTS FROM DON'T WASTE MICHIGAN REGARDING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR APPLICATION BY HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL FOR A LICENSE TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY FOR SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL AND HIGH LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

REQUEST FOR REDACTED ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT / OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON SUPPLEMENTAL DEIS

Docket No. 72-1051

NRC-2018-0052

The NRC and the proponents, Holtec International, have rigged the Environmental Review from the get-go at every juncture. One quarter of the Environmental Report, which would be one quarter of the DEIS, has been withheld from the public view, it has been redacted. There are 144 pages of the Environmental Report that have not been seen by the Public. This done under the ruse of Cultural Resources. The Tribal Consultation 2/13/2020 document entitled: "Summary of Site Visit for Holtec CISF Project Cultural Resources Tribal Consultation (2043259.02), Lea County, New Mexico" betrays the need to redact 144 pages of the Environmental Report at the closing paragraph in this 3 page document.

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The concluding paragraph: "The group returned to the CEHMM offices in Carlsbad for lunch, followed by a discussion of the site and future tasks. **Mr. Wilkins summarized that he would recommend that the US NRC determine Site LA 187010 to be not eligible for the NRHP, and Mr. Begay noted that NN THPO had no objection with that determination.** Mr. Wilkins noted that currently the US NRC was only in receipt of cultural resource investigations that recommended the site as potentially eligible, and that US NRC would request Holtec to provide a small cultural resource investigation limited only to Site LA 187010, documenting its current condition and conducting no more than a single shovel test pit within the feature to directly assess subsurface potential and the presence or absence of datable material. Should the results be negative with no additional artifacts or datable materials identified, Holtec will provide US NRC with documentation of the investigations including a negative report form that will permit US NRC to support a determination of not eligible. All parties agreed to this approach, and the meeting was concluded." (**emphasis added**)

There was no basis to withhold, and there is no basis to continue to withhold redacted pages 320 through page 464 of the Environmental Report. Don't Waste Michigan again (previous FOIA denied) goes on record requesting that withheld pages be made Publicly available, and that the Public be afforded the opportunity to Comment on a Supplemental DEIS. The NRC must rectify the missing / withholding of over one fourth (144 pages) of the Environmental Report.

Don't Waste Michigan request that the NRC conduct a Supplemental DEIS.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Don't Waste Michigan

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