## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

| BEYOND NUCLEAR, INC.,         | ) |                           |
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| Petitioner,                   | ) |                           |
|                               | ) |                           |
| <b>v</b> .                    | ) | No. 20-1187,              |
|                               | ) | consolidated with Nos.    |
|                               | ) | 20-1225, 21-1104, 21-1147 |
| UNITED STATES NUCLEAR         | ) |                           |
| REGULATORY COMMISSION and the | ) |                           |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,     | ) |                           |
| Respondents.                  | ) |                           |

## **RESPONDENTS' STATUS REPORT**

By order dated April 21, 2021, the Court consolidated each of these petitions for review and ordered that Respondents file status reports concerning the proceedings on April 29, 2021, and at 90-day intervals thereafter. Pursuant to that order, Respondents U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the United States report that the application filed by Holtec International for a license to construct and operate a consolidated interim spent nuclear fuel storage facility in Lea County, New Mexico, remains under consideration by the agency. The agency published a Final Environmental Impact Statement regarding the facility on July 13, 2022, and a licensing decision is expected in 2023. Respectfully submitted,

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