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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, the NRC is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the CISF, and publish the results of its review in an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, the NRC is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the CISF, and publish the results of its review in an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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The NRC staff will consider all of the oral comments received during the scoping meetings, as well as those received in writing, via email at Holtec-CISFEIS@nrc.gov, via mail to Ms. May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, or through the online comment platform (Docket ID NRC-2018-0052 at www.regulations.gov). All of the comments received will be carefully reviewed and evaluated by the staff. A scoping summary report will be issued to provide the public an opportunity to see all of the scoping comments received and how the comments were dispositioned.

The conclusion of the scoping process will not limit other meaningful opportunities for public involvement. Importantly, the public will have additional opportunities to participate in the NRC's environmental review process when the staff publishes the draft EIS for public comment. The NRC staff will actively seek comments on the draft EIS by conducting public meetings in the local area of the proposed facility to solicit comments on its draft report. The NRC currently estimates that it will issue the draft EIS in late summer 2019.

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, the NRC is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the CISF, and publish the results of its review in an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, the NRC is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the CISF, and publish the results of its review in an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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The NRC staff will consider all of the oral comments received during the scoping meetings, as well as those received in writing, via email at Holtec-CISFEIS@nrc.gov, via mail to Ms. May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, or through the online comment platform (Docket ID NRC-2018-0052 at www.regulations.gov). All of the comments received will be carefully reviewed and evaluated by the staff. A scoping summary report will be issued to provide the public an opportunity to see all of the scoping comments received and how the comments were dispositioned.

The conclusion of the scoping process will not limit other meaningful opportunities for public involvement. Importantly, the public will have additional opportunities to participate in the NRC's environmental review process when the staff publishes the draft EIS for public comment. The NRC staff will actively seek comments on the draft EIS by conducting public meetings in the local area of the proposed facility to solicit comments on its draft report. The NRC currently estimates that it will issue the draft EIS in late summer 2019.

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, the NRC is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the CISF, and publish the results of its review in an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, the NRC is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the CISF, and publish the results of its review in an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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The NRC staff will consider all of the oral comments received during the scoping meetings, as well as those received in writing, via email at Holtec-CISFEIS@nrc.gov, via mail to Ms. May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, or through the online comment platform (Docket ID NRC-2018-0052 at www.regulations.gov). All of the comments received will be carefully reviewed and evaluated by the staff. A scoping summary report will be issued to provide the public an opportunity to see all of the scoping comments received and how the comments were dispositioned.

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, the NRC is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the CISF, and publish the results of its review in an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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The NRC staff will consider all of the oral comments received during the scoping meetings, as well as those received in writing, via email at Holtec-CISFEIS@nrc.gov, via mail to Ms. May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, or through the online comment platform (Docket ID NRC-2018-0052 at www.regulations.gov). All of the comments received will be carefully reviewed and evaluated by the staff. A scoping summary report will be issued to provide the public an opportunity to see all of the scoping comments received and how the comments were dispositioned.

The conclusion of the scoping process will not limit other meaningful opportunities for public involvement. Importantly, the public will have additional opportunities to participate in the NRC's environmental review process when the staff publishes the draft EIS for public comment. The NRC staff will actively seek comments on the draft EIS by conducting public meetings in the local area of the proposed facility to solicit comments on its draft report. The NRC currently estimates that it will issue the draft EIS in late summer 2019.

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, the NRC is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the CISF, and publish the results of its review in an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, the NRC is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the CISF, and publish the results of its review in an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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The NRC staff will consider all of the oral comments received during the scoping meetings, as well as those received in writing, via email at Holtec-CISFEIS@nrc.gov, via mail to Ms. May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, or through the online comment platform (Docket ID NRC-2018-0052 at www.regulations.gov). All of the comments received will be carefully reviewed and evaluated by the staff. A scoping summary report will be issued to provide the public an opportunity to see all of the scoping comments received and how the comments were dispositioned.

The conclusion of the scoping process will not limit other meaningful opportunities for public involvement. Importantly, the public will have additional opportunities to participate in the NRC's environmental review process when the staff publishes the draft EIS for public comment. The NRC staff will actively seek comments on the draft EIS by conducting public meetings in the local area of the proposed facility to solicit comments on its draft report. The NRC currently estimates that it will issue the draft EIS in late summer 2019.

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