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Subject: [External_Sender] HOLTEC INT'L RADIOACTIVE WASTE TRANSPORT THROUGH GALLUP

Mayor McKinney,

At a scoping meeting on May 21, 2018 in Gallup (NM) hosted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on behalf of Holtec International and its proposal to bring all of the existing commercial high-level radioactive spent fuel from nuclear reactors from the East Coast to New Mexico

There is no adequate representation by those elected to represent the best interests of the citizens of the Navajo Nation, the City of Gallup and McKinley County and the State of New Mexico. There is no data, reports of information located at the Gallup Octavia Fellin Public Library or the Navajo Nation library even when the transport of the high level radioactive waste will be transported through the heart of Gallup, New Mexico and McKinley County, directly adjacent to the Navajo Nation.

The public information regarding the proposed transport of high level radioactive materials on Interstate I-40 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad does not include the "computational fluid dynamics modeling" that was implemented in testing of the proposed Canisters (Casks) that will be utilized in the said transport of the high level radioactive waste through New Mexico.

Thousands of casks will be partially underground in the heated desert in Southern New Mexico until a "permanent" storage site is developed. The desert conditions will have an impact on the casks that are not known as a result of the lack of information from any testing that is comparable to said desert conditions and the integrity of nuclear waste in long-term storage must be addressed completely and accurately.

The 80,000 metric tons of radioactive waste will eventually have to be repacked for any repository to remain intact for decades that have been proposed. If and when there is an alternative site located, there will be unforeseen problems with the repackaging and transport. Nothing has been made public in this phase.

Human Rights has not been a part of the discussion or the safety of our sacred land. It is clear that additional public meetings are needed. It is the responsibility of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to make sure these meetings are conducted for the Navajo residents who reside in the communities that are adjacent to the proposed I-40 and BNSF transportation routes.

The Trust Responsibility of the United States government through the treaties signed with the Indigenous nations of America is not even considered. The trust doctrine is a source of federal responsibility to Indians requiring the federal government to support tribal self-government and economic prosperity, duties that stem from the government's treaty guarantees to protect Indian tribes and respect their sovereignty. This must be addressed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a U.S. government sector, as it appears the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs of the U.S. Indian Health Service has not participated in this process.

An additional 90 days' extension should be added to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission public comment period as this is not responsible to the American citizenry or the Native American populations that will be harmed in the federal process.

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