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To whom it may concern,

Attached are additional support letters for the proposed Holtec project in SE New Mexico.  
Thank you



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RE: Docket ID: NRC-2018-0052

To whom it may concern:

I understand that there is a new project underway that involves a temporary storage facility for nuclear waste, which will come from other areas outside of New Mexico. I am familiar with the concerns associated with a nuclear storage facility as I have lived in an area with a nuclear facility. I am originally from Annapolis, Maryland where my husband was stationed in the Navy. I have heard the discussions amongst my neighbors and the concerns raised about living near a facility such as the one proposed for Lea County. However, I am writing in support of this project. As someone with extensive experience with the nuclear industry and living near an actual facility, I can assure you that this project would not pose a threat to the citizens who live near it, nor those who come in contact with the facility through employment. In fact, this project will provide jobs for those in the area and provide stability for the economy of a small county that could benefit from a boost. Living in a small community can be beneficial when you are looking forward to retirement, as is the case with my husband and myself, but the truth is that small communities can dry up and disappear without a steady stream of jobs and a population to spend money in local businesses.

I think everyone is focusing on the idea of nuclear waste and viewing the project as an evil, when in fact this project can be a positive for the community and for the State of New Mexico. I base my support of the fact that I have experience with living near a facility and see nothing but positive impacts from a project of such importance.

I want to thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for listening to my opinion.

Sincerely,

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NRC Decision Panel:

I was present at the Roswell meeting for this nuclear waste site building project, and I was disgusted with some of the comments and how misinformed people are about the nuclear energy industry already in New Mexico.

At the meeting, stupid people were making comments about New Mexico becoming a nuclear dump site. But, the truth is that we already have the labs, and look at the amazing job market and opportunity that has come from it. Yes, there was a spill, but one spill out of how many over the years?

And, others talk about radiation poisoning from having the waste here. Well guess what? It is already here. The labs already generate nuclear waste and we have testing on the bases that are here. The truth is that nuclear waste is a very real issue regardless of where you live, and while it may seem like a great idea to ship it off to our neighbors in Texas or Arizona, the problem will not go away. We all will have to deal with the realization that nuclear waste is everyone's problem, and we can never move it to a place where that will not be true.

So, I say yes to this project and the potential that comes with it. I think it can only be a positive idea for NM, and others will see that once it is here and generating jobs. Soon people will be fighting over the chance to work there just like they do at the labs, and no one blinks an eye at the nuclear waste generated at the labs.

Sincerely,  
Robert Godshall



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a huge advocate for nuclear energy. It is the cleanest form of energy we have. It is also the least expensive form of energy we have. Look at France, 75% of their energy consumed is from nuclear energy. They also have the cheapest energy prices in the western hemisphere.

Unfortunately, what comes with the great benefit of nuclear energy is the waste it produces afterwards. Currently we have no use for it other than to store it somewhere, which is why I support this interim storage facility. We need this facility so that we can continue to use nuclear energy and use less energy from dirty sectors and that is how we are overall going to help our environment. I was even reading somewhere that there designs in the works to be able to use what we consider waste now as fuel. Supposedly those designs are a couple decades away from being commercialized, and that is just the amount of time that this interim storage facility can provide. Imagine if we are able to achieve this innovation of basically recycling the waste.

However, we need the time that this storage facility will provide to be able to get to these break throughs. Or to come up with a different more permanent plan. I strongly support the building of this site in New Mexico so that we can give this much needed time. From what all the experts are saying, New Mexico is capable of being home to this site. What it comes down to is the science, if the science is solid and all the risks are accounted for and solutions for these risks are provided and prevented then there is no reason to be against this facility.

I've glanced at some of the safety requirements for something like this and it appears that you (the NRC) have thoroughly thought through it. If your science and committee agree that this facility can be built and operate at this site, it should be built, and it should be built sooner rather than later. Trust your own safety regulations and have faith that if the application can pass all the requirements then this is a good thing. If it can't then tell Holtec and have them fix the parts that they can fix, but this end result should be the building of this site. Thank you for taking the time to ensure everyone's safety and further the nuclear industry.

Warm regards,

*Michael Frese*  
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Dear NRC Staff:

I hope all is well, I am writing in regard to the scoping comments for the Holtec project application for Southern New Mexico. I don't really know much about the project other than what all those greenies have been spewing at the farmers market. All they do is talk about how nuclear is bad and we're all going to die, I don't think they realize that nuclear energy is not the same as a nuclear bomb? I'm not going to be the one to tell them that, but someone should. That is the extent of my knowledge on the subject, I know it can be dangerous, but it isn't very likely that it will end up being dangerous. That is mostly why I am writing in, a lot of the stuff that the greenies were saying at the farmers market didn't sound correct, but you tend to see people get riled up around false information and they never fact check. I'm writing in because I don't see anything wrong with this project. I didn't know until I went to the farmers market and they were talking about the other nuclear sites we have here until then. I have lived here for 30 years and I had absolutely no idea that we had nuclear sites or storage sites or whatever they are. Clearly those were deemed a good idea so I'm guessing this is similar and therefore it is a good idea too. If we can successfully do two like we have been might as well do three. I say bring this project to New Mexico.

Thanks,

Joseph Loisel

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To Whom It May Concern,

Did you know that Nuclear Energy is cleaner than coal and gas? I consider myself a very green and consciences person and I had no idea! I was initially planning on writing this letter opposing the project and I was looking up facts to back up why nuclear is so bad but wow I have definitely changed my mind now. If we could increase nuclear energy and we'd be able to slow and eventually stop the use of coal and gas which is really hurting our earth.

Climate change is real thing and I'd much rather have clean nuclear energy and save the environment than continue to utilize the dirty sectors like we have been. It's a matter of picking the better of the two evils. If the Holtec waste storage thing means that we can have cleaner nuclear energy than I am in complete support of it. I don't think it'll have an impact on the drilling currently going on but hopefully it will make the industry all around less appealing. All I ask is that you make extra sure that there isn't a possibility of it getting into any ground water.

Best,

Wanda Hiett  
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To whom it may concern,

First off, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read through these public comments and truly take what we as the public are saying into consideration. With that being said I also hope you take everything everyone is saying with a grain of salt because they are scared. Scared of the unknown. But fear of the unknown is not reason enough to halt a much-needed project like the one Holtec is trying to bring to New Mexico.

What I don't think people realize is that this is much bigger than New Mexico. I don't like the nuclear industry but I'm not naive enough to think that my dislike of it is enough to stop the industry or naive enough to not realize that there is a current problem that needs a solution. A solution that we New Mexicans can provide for the whole country. Even if the nuclear industry were to stop today, there still is the present problem of storing the waste. Also with the current administration it is more likely that the industry will increase. I would rather have a temporary safe solution than to keep stalling in hopes for a permanent solution where there is more of a chance of a worse event happening because we couldn't get to it now. I truly believe that this interim storage facility is the best next step for not only New Mexico but also the country as a whole. This solution is bigger than the residents of New Mexico.

Warm regards,

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