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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR INTERIM STORAGE PARTNER'S PROPOSED
CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY LOCATED IN ANDREWS
COUNTY, TEXAS (DOCKET NUMBER: 72-1050)

Dear Mr. Isakson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of Interim Storage Partners LLC's (ISP's) proposed consolidated interim storage facility (CISF) for spent nuclear fuel (SNF). The NRC staff has prepared a *Federal Register* (FR) Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise the public that the draft EIS is publicly available from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/adams.html>. The ADAMS accession number for the draft EIS is ML20122A220. In addition, at its earliest opportunity, the NRC staff plans to make hard copies of the draft EIS available to the public at the following locations: the Andrews County Library, 109 NW 1st Street, Andrews, TX 79714; the Hobbs Public Library, 509 N Shipp St., Hobbs, NM 88240; and the Eunice Public Library, 1003 Ave. N, Eunice, NM 88231.

As discussed in Chapter 2 of the draft EIS, the NRC staff's preliminary recommendation is issuance of an NRC license to ISP to construct and operate a CISF for SNF at the proposed location. This recommendation is based on (i) the license application, which includes ISP's Environmental Report and supplemental documents, and ISP's responses to the NRC staff's requests for additional information; (ii) the NRC staff's consultation with Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies, and input from other stakeholders; (iii) the NRC staff's independent review; and (iv) the NRC staff's assessments provided in the EIS.

A separate NOA of the draft EIS will be placed in the *FR* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The 120-day public comment period end date is calculated from the date on which the EPA notice is published in the *FR*. As noted in the NRC's *FR* notice, the NRC is providing an extended comment period in reaction to the COVID-19 situation.

Should you have any questions concerning the staff's environmental review of ISP's license application for the proposed CISF, please contact Mr. James Park at 301-415-6954 or via e-mail at James.Park@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cinthya I. Román". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cinthya" and last name "Román" clearly distinguishable.

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