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SUBJECT: PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED
LICENSING ACTION RE: AMENDMENT REQUEST PERMANENTLY
DEFUELED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (EPID L-2021-LLA-0049)

Dear Ms. Sterdis:

By letter dated March 17, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession [ADAMS] No. [ML21076A404](#)), Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC (HDI) submitted a license application request seeking U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and approval the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station revision and license amendment application to revise the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station Permanently Defueled Technical Specifications to reflect permanent removal of spent fuel from the spent fuel pool.

The NRC has completed its acceptance review and determined that the application is acceptable for the NRC staff to begin its detailed technical review. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

In its March 17, 2021, letter, HDI stated that ... "[I]n order to support the site transition to "ISFSI only" status, HDI is requesting the NRC approval of this proposed license amendment by September 30, 2021. HDI requests an implementation period of 30 days following HDI's submittal of written notification to the NRC that the remaining spent fuel assemblies have been transferred from the spent fuel pool to the ISFSI." The NRC staff expects to complete this review by July 30, 2021 (approximately 200 hours). If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review, such as multiple rounds of requests for additional information, unanticipated addition of scope to the review, or hearing-related activities that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date, the reasons for the changes, along with a new estimate, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

The acceptance of the application for detailed technical review and the draft no significant hazards determination is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on April 20, 2021, with a 60-day hearing request period ending June 21, 2021.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact, me at (301) 415-6822.

Sincerely,



Signed by Snyder, Amy
on 03/23/21

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