

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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VIA EMAIL ONLY Mr. Jeffrey D. Isakson Chief Executive Officer/President Interim Storage Partners LLC P.O. Box 1129 Andrews, TX 79714 Jeffery.Isakson@orano.group

## SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL 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 final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the construction and operation of Interim Storage Partners LLC's (ISP's) proposed consolidated interim storage facility (CISF) for spent nuclear fuel in Andrews County, Texas. The NRC staff will shortly publish a *Federal Register (FR)* Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise the public that the FEIS is publicly available from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS accession number for the FEIS is ML21209A955. In addition, the NRC staff plans to make hard copies of the FEIS available to the public at several public libraries in the vicinity of the proposed CISF site.

The NRC staff's recommendation in the FEIS is issuance of an NRC license to ISP to construct and operate a CISF at the proposed location, subject to the determinations in the staff's safety review of the application. 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, including members of the public; (iii) the NRC staff's independent review; and (iv) the NRC staff's assessments provided in the EIS.

After the NRC files the FEIS with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the EPA will publish a separate NOA of the FEIS in the *FR*. In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 51.100(a)(1)(ii), the NRC must wait 30 days after publication of the EPA's NOA before it can make a licensing decision. The NRC expects to make a licensing decision by the end of September 2021.

Should you have any questions concerning the FEIS, please contact Mr. James Park of my staff. Mr. Park can be reached at 301-415-6954 or via e-mail at <u>James.Park@nrc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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