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SUBJECT: HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL'S APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC INDEPENDENT

SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION LICENSE FOR THE HI-STORE CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY – REVISED SCHEDULE FOR

FINAL LICENSING DECISION

Dear Kimberly Manzione:

By letter dated March 30, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17115A431), as supplemented, Holtec International (Holtec) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) an application for a specific independent spent fuel storage installation license to construct and operate the HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage (CIS) Facility, in Lea County, New Mexico, in accordance with the requirements of Part 72 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 72), "Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level Radioactive Waste and Reactor-Related Greater than Class C Waste." The license application seeks NRC approval to store up to 8,680 metric tons of commercial spent nuclear fuel in the HI-STORM UMAX Canister Storage System for a 40-year license term.

We write to inform you that, due to unforeseen resource constraints, the staff will not be able to issue its final licensing decision by its previously estimated date of the end of March 2023. The staff now estimates that it will issue its final licensing decision and final safety evaluation report on or before the end of May 2023. The staff will continue to keep you apprised of any changes to the estimated date for its licensing decision.

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If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact Mr. Jose R. Cuadrado, Project Manager, at (301) 415-0606.

Sincerely,

Bendfish White, Bernard signing on behalf of Diaz-Sanabria, Yoira on 03/20/23

Yoira K. Diaz-Sanabria, Chief Storage and Transportation Licensing Branch Division of Fuel Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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