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Kristine L. Svinicki, Chair  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
c/o Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary of the Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Holtec International HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage (CIS) License  
Application, Docket Number 72-1051

Dear Chair Svinicki:

The Holtec International application for consolidated interim storage of high-level radioactive waste proposed for a site between Carlsbad and Hobbs, New Mexico, raises safety, regulatory and infrastructure questions at the state as well as the federal level. I respectfully request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission leave the public comment period in this matter open long enough to allow New Mexico's legislative committees and agencies an opportunity to review critical issues related to the application and to develop policy recommendations for inclusion as part of the public comments. The New Mexico Legislature's interim committees typically meet from July through November, and the next formal legislative session will be held from January 15 to March 16, 2019.

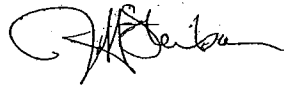
Furthermore, I would like to respectfully request that staff from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission appear before the interim Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee to detail the Holtec license application and scoping process. As the joint New Mexico Senate and House of Representatives committee tasked with oversight of radioactive and hazardous materials issues in the state, this proposed project and its significant public policy considerations warrant our full examination.

Please include this letter in the docket for the Holtec International HI-STORE CIS license application, Docket Number 72-1051, and send a response directly to me. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

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Please keep me advised of actions regarding this license application, including deadlines and opportunities for citizen input. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Steinborn", written in a cursive style.

JEFF STEINBORN

cc: Jeff Baran, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Stephen G. Burns, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Members, Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee (via email)

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