

February 8, 2000

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**SUBJECT: FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE PUBLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR A REQUEST FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM 10 CFR 72.234(c), DOCKET 72-1014 (TAC NO. L23035)**

Dear Mr. Gutherman:

In accordance with Holtec International's (Holtec) exemption request dated January 12, 2000, and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.35, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Spent Fuel Project Office, has issued an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact. Exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR 72.234(c) would allow Holtec to begin fabrication of three HI-STORM 100 overpacks and one HI-TRAC-125 transfer cask for use at the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant, prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

The NRC will notify you in a timely manner of our decision on this exemption request. Enclosed is a copy of the Federal Register Notice.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed by:)

E. William Brach, Director  
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