



March 31, 2023

Senator Edward J. Markey
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Honorable Senator Markey:

Thank you for your letter dated March 17, 2023, regarding independent, third party study discussed at the May 6, 2022 hearing of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety.

We stand ready to assist your third-party, independent experts to study the representative sampling of pre- and post-treatment radioactive wastewater, valid and reliable testing of those samples that reaches sufficiently low levels of detection, and scientific analysis of the laboratory results. We understand the public interest in the issue and that this issue has become one solely based on perception, not on science. We believe your independent panel will confirm the scientific facts to inform the public.

As committed to by Dr. Singh during the hearing, [as shown by the transcript here](#), when asked if we will support your efforts,

“ Senator, the answer is yes. Beyond then, if you have any other expert or scientific organization, not a political organization, yes, we will share with them any information we have. We will give them access to the data at the plant to help comfort the community. Because there has been so much now material in the media that a non-problem, in my personal opinion, has become a big problem. So, we have to, I think your suggestion to have experts review and study is a great suggestion. We will support it wholeheartedly.”

Please note that in the response above Dr Singh did not offer to pay for third party consultants, but rather provide data and access to your experts. Our position in this matter is that we should follow the direction and regulations as provided by the EPA and NRC as the regulatory authorities.

As you mentioned in your recent letter, we are working with the state to sample and provide split sampling for state analysis by both the Department of Public Health and Department of Environmental Protection. We will provide that data from sampling to your, yet to be named, panel for analysis and they are welcome to any information we have publicly disclosed. Which we have posted on our website [here](#).



We will be submitting the permit modification for our current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems permit to the EPA by March 31, 2023. This process will provide additional information and, as you referenced, provide consultation and participation by other interested parties and the public at large.

Our continued pre-submittal meetings with the EPA throughout the preparation process has allowed us to productively discuss the issues, perceptions and ensure that the permit modification application contains all of the necessary information for a successful review.

Again, our Holtec team stands ready to work with your soon-to-be-designated panel of experts to provide the information and data needed. We appreciate your willingness to obtain a renowned panel of experts, to review the facts without any perceived conflicts of interest or bias on the issue from Holtec involvement with the panels funding and make-up. This will help educate the public, and other stakeholders, with facts.

Thank you for your time. We appreciate your interest in the project and ensuring safe, efficient decommissioning coupled with fact-based communication and transparency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Trice".

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