



NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-155 and 72-43; NRC-2026-1025]

Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC;

Big Rock Point Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation;

Exemption

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued an exemption to Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, (HDI), for Big Rock Point (BRP) independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). The exemption allows BRP ISFSI to deviate from the requirements in Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1026, Amendment No. 4, appendix A, technical specifications (TS) for the FuelSolutions™ Storage System, section 5.3.4, “Radioactive Effluent Control Program,” subsection 5.3.4.3, related to the timing of submission for its Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report (ARERR).

DATES: The exemption was issued on February 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2026-1025** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NRC issued an exemption (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML26030A152) to Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, (HDI) for the BRP ISFSI. The exemption granted provides relief from the 60-day requirement so that the annual effluent release report for the BRP ISFSI may be submitted on or before May 1, rather than prior to March 1, of each year. The granted exemption only changes the due date and not the content of the information that the licensee would provide in the annual report.

HDI submitted this request to the NRC for an exemption from title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 72.212 (a)(2), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(4), (B)(5)(i), (b)(11), and 72.214 for BRP ISFSI Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report (ARERR), by letter dated June 30, 2025 (ADAMS Accession No. ML25181A014). The exemption request sought to allow BRP ISFSI to deviate from the requirements in CoC No. 1026, Amendment No. 4, appendix A, TS for the FuelSolutions™ Storage System, section 5.3.4, “Radioactive Effluent Control Program,” subsection 5.3.4.3, related to the timing of submission for its ARERR. In its June 30, 2025 letter, HDI requested relief regarding the

60-day reporting requirement, so that the annual liquid and gaseous effluent release report for the BRP ISFSI be incorporated into, and submitted with, the BRP plant site ARERR on or before May 1, rather than prior to March 1, of each year to align with the submittal of its ARERR as required by the BRP Plant Renewed Facility Operating License, DPR-6, Defueled Technical Specifications (ADAMS Accession No. ML26028A232) section 6.0, "Administrative Controls," section 6.6.3, "Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report."

Based on the staff's evaluation, the NRC has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, "Specific Exemptions," the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, the NRC granted HDI an exemption that allows the annual effluent release report for the BRP ISFSI to be submitted on or before May 1 each year.

Dated: March 2, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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