

Responses to Public Comments and Questions
May 19, 2022 DOB Meeting

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ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Can there be public Q&A opportunities after each presentation?

Following feedback from elected representatives and directly from members of the community, engagement opportunities have expanded to include earlier public comment opportunities at each meeting, guest speakers from the community to interact directly with Decommissioning Oversight Board (DOB) members, and public fora — the first of which will take place on July 27, 2022. While additional changes to meeting parameters are not being considered at this time in order to achieve the critical collaborative work and information sharing required of each working meeting of the DOB, the DOB remains committed to pursuing responses to all substantive questions raised by the community.

DECOMMISSIONING AND SPENT FUEL MANAGEMENT

2. Which state agencies are involved in reviewing and commenting on Holtec’s exemption requests to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission?

Depending on the particular nature of Holtec’s request, appropriate technical, program, and legal staff from NYSERDA, DPS, DOH, DEC, DOS, DHSES and/or OAG may review Holtec’s exemption and license amendment requests, as well as other submittals. Agency participation in review of any particular submittal varies based on the nature of the submittal, and agency staff expertise and jurisdiction.

3. Could subject experts compare and contrast best practices against Holtec’s decommissioning and spent fuel management plans?

New York State and members of the DOB routinely monitor decommissioning and spent fuel management plans, activities, and trends across the country. As the DOB explores specific issues relating to Holtec’s decommissioning and spent fuel management plans for Indian Point, the plans, activities, and trends at other facilities undoubtedly serve as important inputs into Board deliberations.

4. What is Hardened On-Site Storage? How does the ISFSI at Indian Point compare to the “HOSS” standard? Will the DOB advocate for “HOSS”?

Hardened on-site storage (HOSS) is a conceptual framework related to the safe storage of spent nuclear fuel near the site in which is the fuel was used. Given that spent fuel management – including cask design, on-site spent fuel storage, and the eventual transport of spent fuel to a

national repository – is a core area of focus for the DOB, time will be dedicated at a future meeting(s) to discuss in depth the requirements related to spent fuel management, cask design, and on-site spent fuel storage.

GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

5. Will PHMSA be asked to answer questions before the DOB?

In its role as interstate agent, the NYS Department of Public Service gas pipeline safety staff regularly engage with the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on matters pertaining to pipeline safety, including to respond to questions raised with the Decommissioning Oversight Board (DOB). From time to time and as appropriate, the DOB may ask the appropriate federal regulatory bodies, including PHMSA, to participate in public and working group meetings of the DOB.