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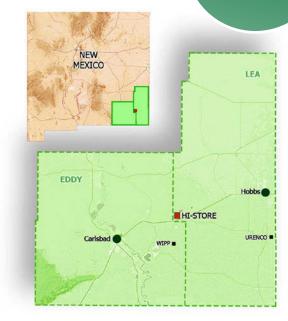


of Interim Storage Partners' CISF in Texas, Holtec said it expected to have its HI-STORE CISF license reinstated, allowing the company to move forward with the project. Holtec and ISP's NRC licenses were vacated by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in a 2023 ruling.

Despite the court's decision, New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham said she remained committed to preventing the HI-STORE CISF from being built. In 2023, New Mexico passed a bill barring the storage and disposal of high-level radioactive waste in New Mexico without the state's explicit consent.

In 2015, Holtec announced that it had signed a memorandum of understanding with ELEA to apply for an NRC license to build the HI-STORE CISF on 1,000 acres of land set aside by the alliance. The NRC approved the license in 2023 for the facility, which would store SNF using Holtec's below-grade cask system.

The MOU with ELEA, however, prevented Holtec from pursuing similar interim storage projects outside of the counties of Eddy and Lea. According to the minutes of an August meeting of the ELEA board of directors, ELEA considered amending the agreement to allow Holtec to pursue sites elsewhere, including Colorado and Utah, provided that Holtec would agree to cover 50 percent of legal costs should ELEA decide to sue New Mexico over the 2023 ban on interim SNF storage.



The location of Holtec's proposed HI-STORE facility. (Image: Holtec)

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