

# Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

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# Topics

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- History of Dry Storage at Pilgrim
- Nuclear Fuel and How it is Stored
- Holtec's HI-STORM 100 Systems  
Protection of Public Health & Safety
- Safe and Low Dose Loading Process

# About Holtec International

- Technical Innovation
- Protection of the Environment
- Financially strong with self-financed R&D
- Impeccable Safety Record
- Ingrained Nuclear Safety Culture
- Robust Quality Assurance Program

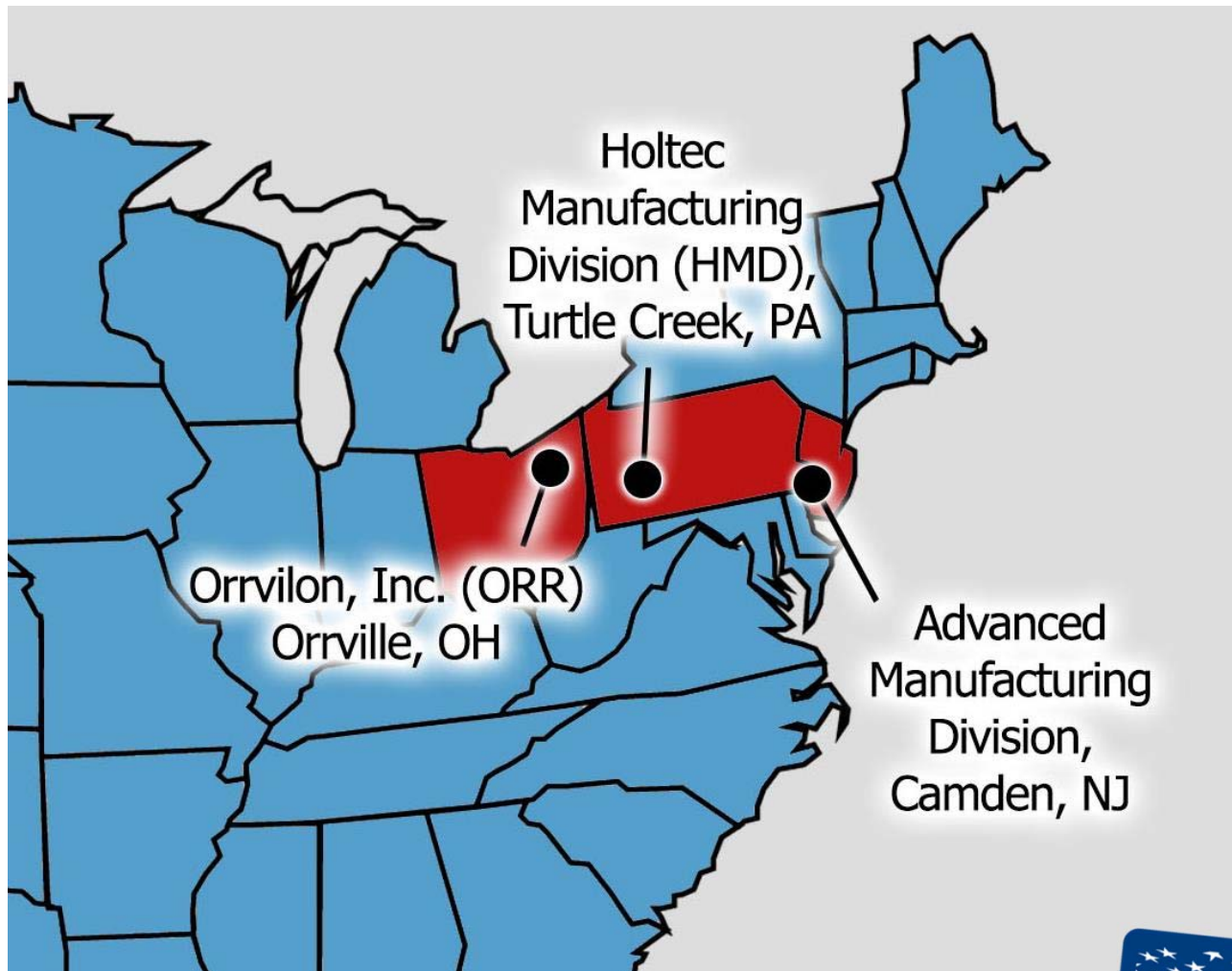
**Committed to the  
Nuclear Industry**

A vertically integrated turnkey  
supplier of goods and services to  
the power generation industry  
established in 1986



# Holtec's Manufacturing Capabilities

## Three Major U.S. Manufacturing Plants

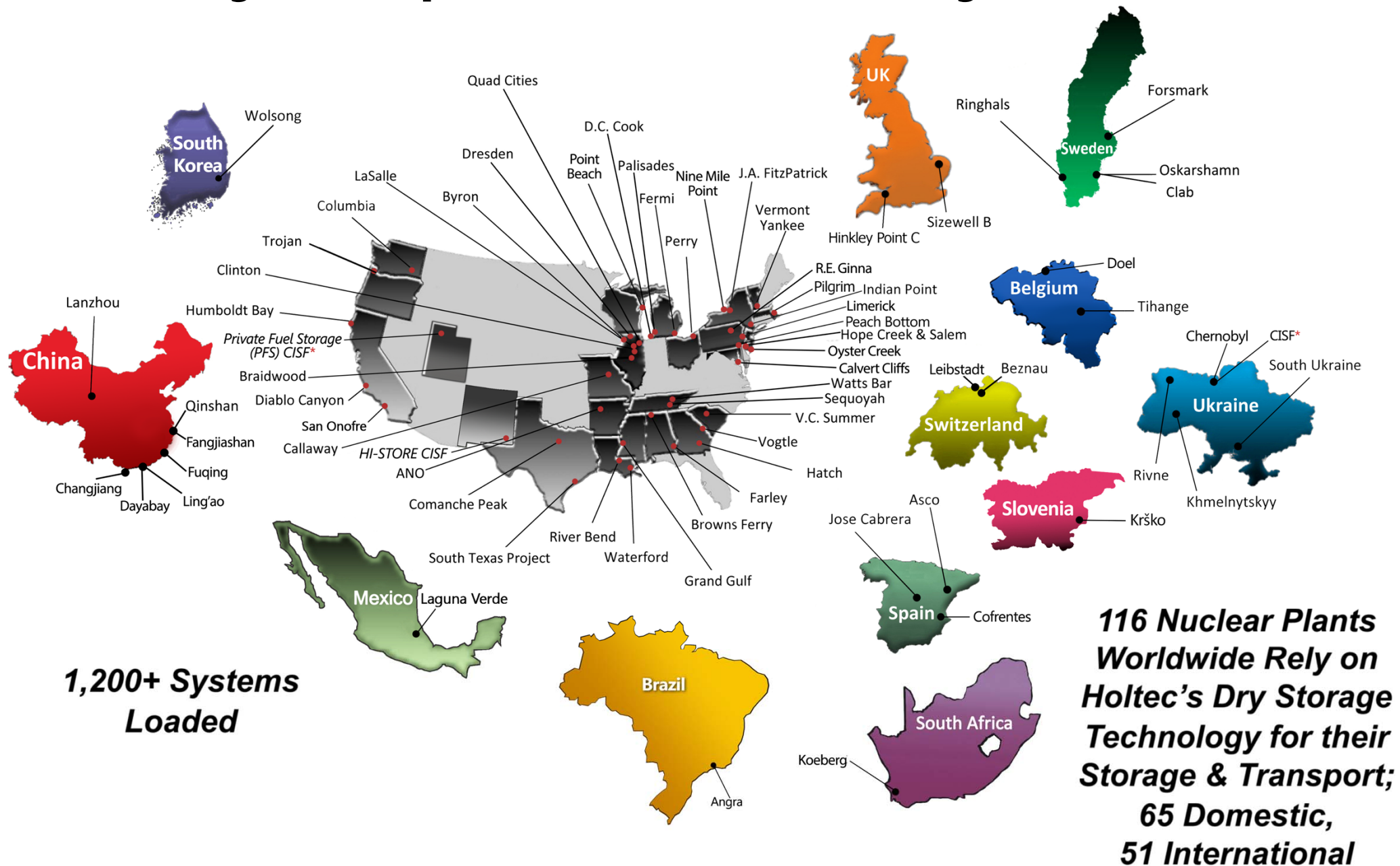


**1.4M ft<sup>2</sup> of Total Shop Space**





# Industry Acceptance of Holtec Systems



# History of Dry Storage at Pilgrim

- **2009:** The HI-STORM System was selected by Entergy after a lengthy bid evaluation process that determined it was the best available technology
- **Today:** There are 17 HI-STORM Systems successfully loaded and safely stored at Pilgrim (over 1,200 Holtec systems are safely in use around the globe)



HI-STORMs at Pilgrim

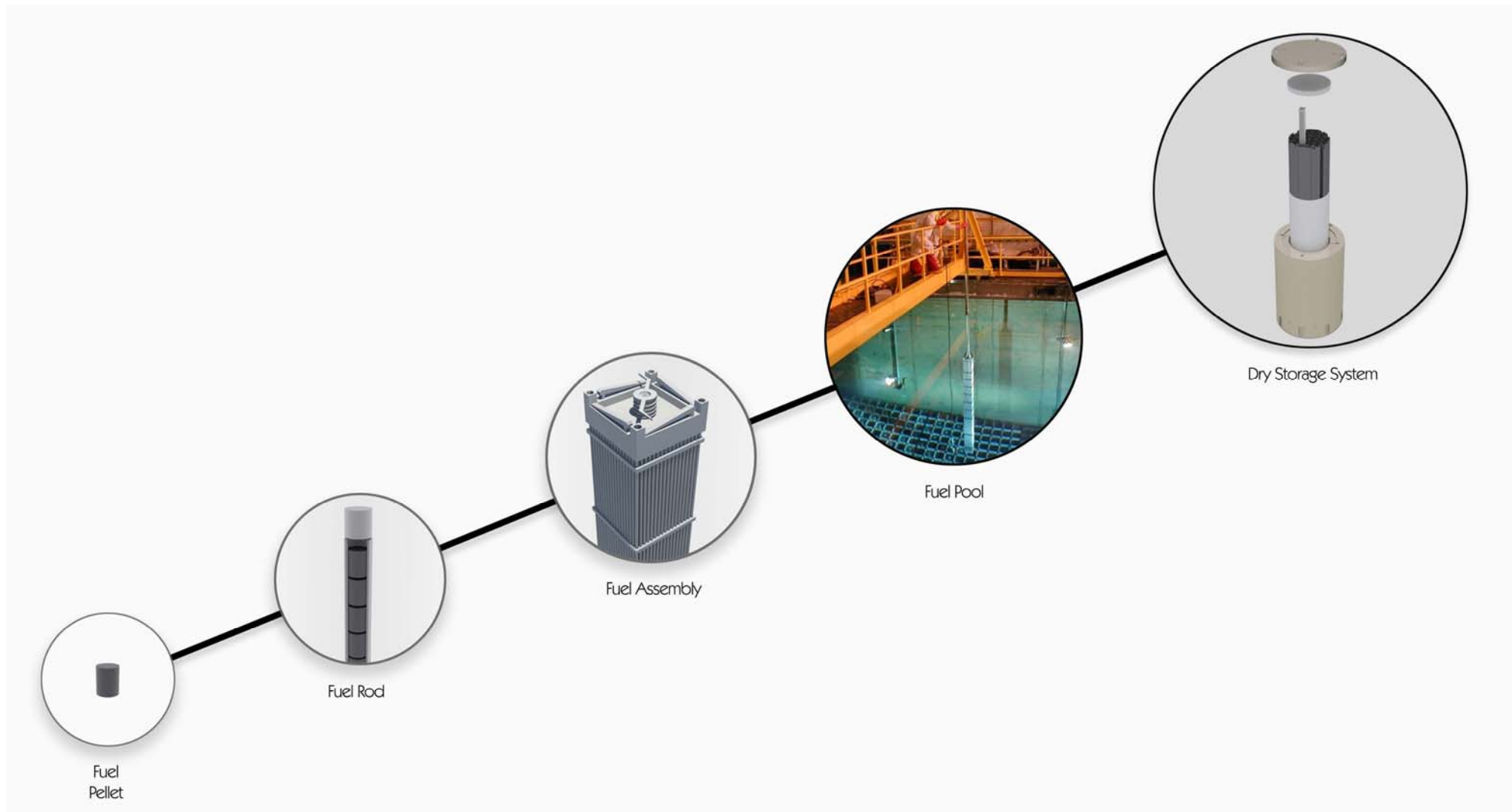


# Pilgrim Nuclear Station

## Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI)



# Nuclear Fuel & How it is Stored





# Technology Overview



**HI-STORM 100 System**

# Protection of Public Health & Safety

- The HI-STORM System is the most robust system in the industry
  - ✓ The overpack consists of inner and outer steel shells where the space between is filled with concrete
  - ✓ The overpack provides physical protection & radiation shielding



**Side View of HI-STORM Overpacks  
being prepared for Transport**



**Concrete Poured at Plant Site**

# Protection of Public Health & Safety

- External steel structure (no exposed concrete) ensures that the cask will not degrade under extreme environmental conditions
- No Rebar
  - ✓ So Easy to assemble
  - ✓ No cracking due to thermal expansion
  - ✓ No radiation streaming pathways
- Minimal maintenance
- Passive heat removal (natural convection)
- Requires no monitoring systems



**HI-STORM 100 on-site at Pilgrim**



# Protection of Public Health & Safety

- Steel exterior protects the cask against impacts
- Qualified to Withstand a Variety of Missiles:

HI-STORM has been analyzed to withstand the impact of a variety of missiles; typical missiles and their incident velocity are listed in the table below (excerpted from the HI-STORM 100 Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR))

Table 2.2.5

## TORNADO-GENERATED MISSILES

Missile Description	Mass (kg)	Velocity (mph)
Automobile	1800	126
Rigid solid steel cylinder (8 in. diameter)	125	126
Solid sphere (1 in. diameter)	0.22	126

# Protection of Public Health & Safety

- The robustness of the HI-STORM System has been thoroughly evaluated and confirmed by industry organizations and in a licensing proceeding before the NRC's Atomic Safety & Licensing Board
- The ruling of the Board concluded that the HI-STORM can withstand:
  - ✓ Earthquakes stronger than any experienced in the history of the continental U.S. Over five times stronger than Fukushima
  - ✓ Crashing of an F-16 fighter plane laden with fuel
  - ✓ Raging brush fire around the storage facility
- The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), report validated a direct hit by a Boeing 767 aircraft engine at 350 miles per hour does not result in a release of radioactive material



# Protection of Public Health & Safety

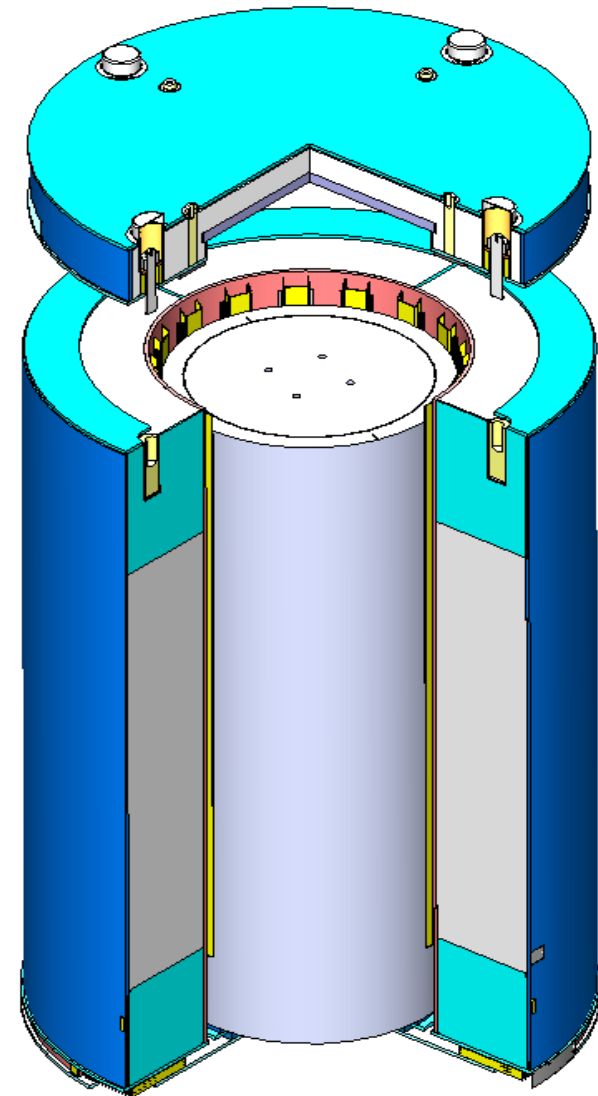


- Radiation dose from the HI-STORM systems at Pilgrim is anticipated to be less than 5 mrem/year
- This is the same exposure one would receive from a single roundtrip flight from NYC / Los Angeles
- The average annual radiation dose for an individual is 620 mrem



## ■ MPC: Multipurpose Canister

- ✓ Fully-welded, stainless steel, cylindrical vessel that permanently encloses the spent fuel assemblies for storage and transport
- ✓ The canister is licensed for storage and transport using specific overpacks during storage, onsite transfer, and offsite transport
- ✓ Designed and manufactured to the highest levels of nuclear safety standards



**An MPC stored inside the  
HI-STORM Overpack**

# Protection of Public Health & Safety



- The *all-welded* MPC boundary provides an impregnable barrier against radioactivity release to the environment
- No loaded canister of Holtec's (or any other) has ever leaked in long term storage
- In contrast, bolted metal casks that feature thick steel sections have occasionally leaked at their gasket (seal) locations



**An MPC Lid**



**An Fuel Assembly Being Lowered into an MPC**

# Protection of Public Health & Safety



- Tests performed on Holtec canisters at Diablo Canyon and Salem / Hope Creek
- Aging Management Plan is required by the NRC to monitor the condition of dry storage systems
- Manufacturing process reduces risk of Stress Corrosion Cracking
  - ✓ Reduced the amount of welding on the canister
  - ✓ Unique welding technique that minimizes the heat input
  - ✓ Designed and implemented fixtures to reduce the amount of handling of the canister



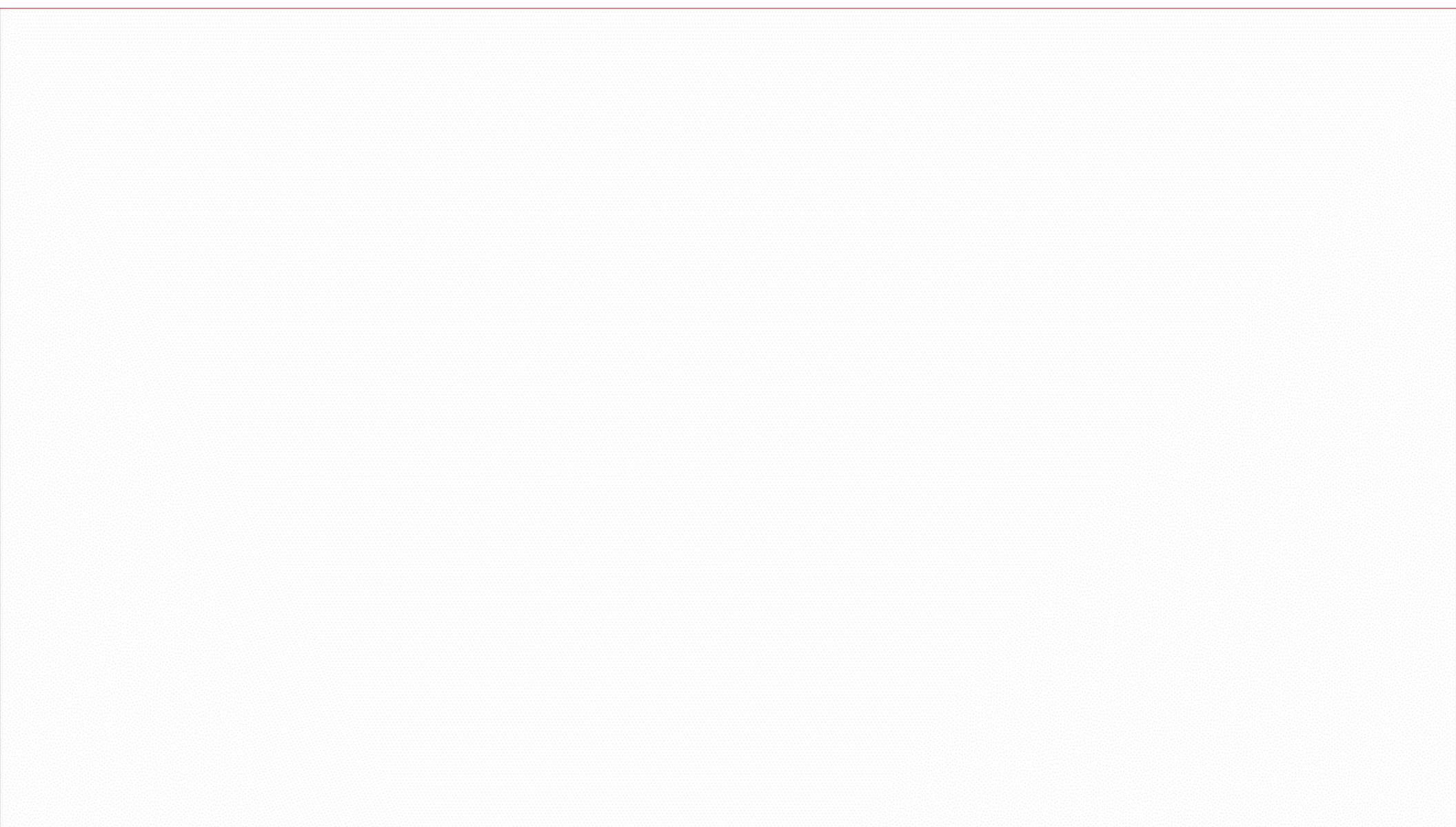


# Protection of Public Health & Safety

- Basket is entirely made of Metamic-HT
  - ✓ Metamic-HT has nearly ten times the conductivity of stainless steel and over three times that of steel
  - ✓ Allows the transfer of spent fuel into storage to be complete within 3 years of the plant shut down



# Dry Storage Loading Video at Plant Hatch



# Questions

