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Halt Holtec

Dr. Myrriah Gómez is an assistant professor at The University of New Mexico's Honors College. Last year she said, "The Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance is made up of mostly white folks who have vested interests in these businesses. They are the same people who own hotels in the city, are the same that are sitting on the boards that make these proposals to bring these high-level and low-level waste facilities to southern New Mexico."

<https://www.currentargus.com/story/news/local/2021/07/15/new-mexico-lawmakers-warned-dangers-nuclear-waste-facility/7965808002/>

Leona Morgan, a Dine organizer with the Nuclear Issues Study Group said at a recent meeting of the States Radioactive and Hazardous Waste Committee, that the open-ended risk of the Holtec project could make southeast New Mexico a

"sacrifice zone" and amounted to "nuclear colonialism." "We call this environmental racism. The thing that is not very clear to me is how we can uphold environmental justice. It doesn't make sense that the state of New Mexico is being threatened with this CISF site when we don't even have the authority to say no to it," Morgan said.

"This definitely affects us a minority-majority state. Eddy Lea Energy Alliance is mostly made up of white folks who have vested interests in these businesses."

What the paper didn't say was New Mexico Sen. Gay Kernan (R-42) took offense that Ms. Morgan would say the words "white folks." The newspaper didn't report Rep. Stefani Lord's response about the term which ended with the words "watch it" directed to Ms. Morgan.

Both were far less offended that the Feds want to dump this deadly thing on New Mexico. The radiation will kill the white folks just as dead.

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Consolidated Interim Storage (CIS) WCS-ISP

On July 11, 2021 Andrews County Commissioners unanimously voted to sign a resolution stating their opposition to the storage of high-level nuclear waste in the county. The vote from county commissioners may have no impact on the approval of Waste Control Specialists-Interim Storage Partners’ application, as that decision is made at the federal level. U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Luján, and U.S. Representative Melanie Stansbury, and New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham have sent a letter to U.S.

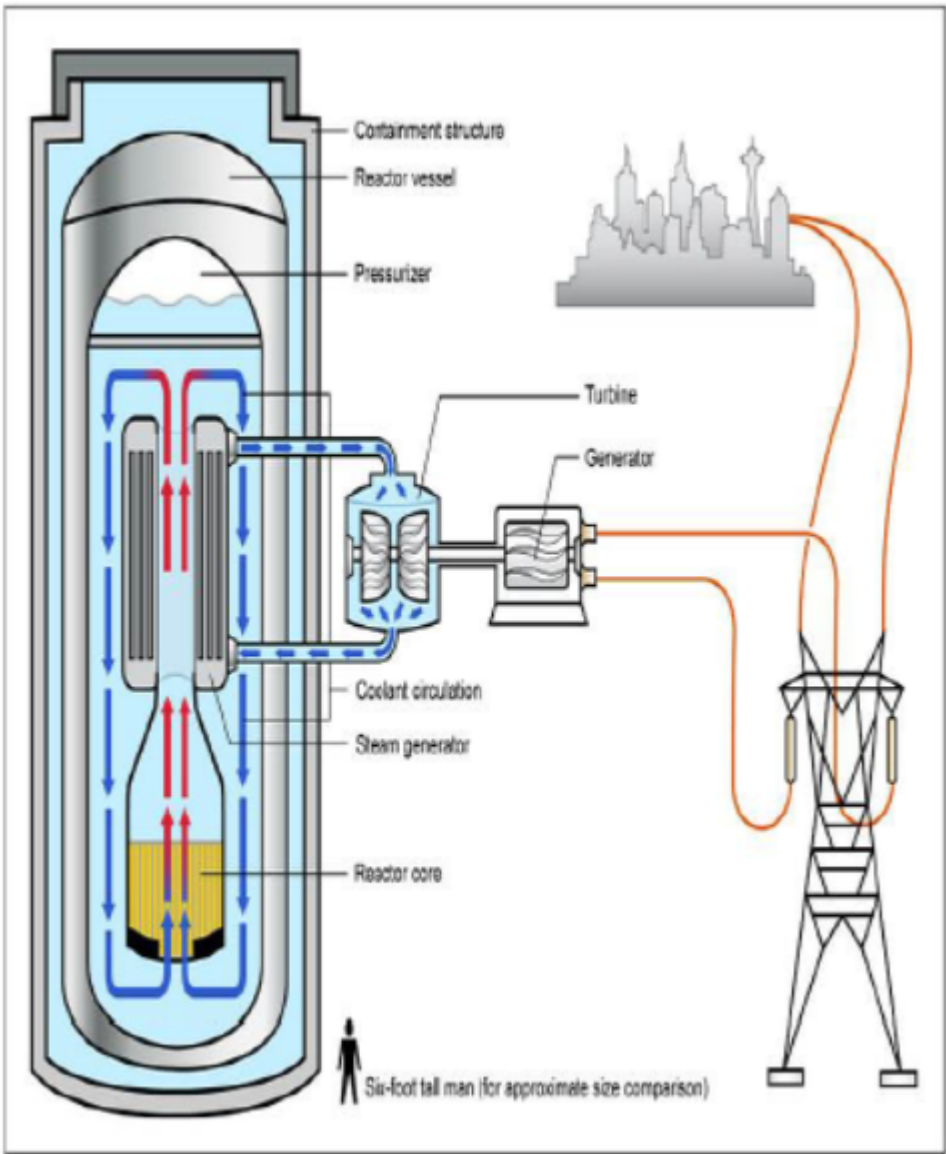
Nuclear Reactor (SMNR)

OAK RIDGE, Tenn — State officials announced Friday that a low-power demonstration reactor called “Hermes” will be established in the East Tennessee Technology Park. Gov. Bill Lee’s office along with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe released the details of the upcoming reactor.

The company behind Hermes is the privately-funded advanced nuclear engineering company Kairos Power, which says the reactor is “a scaled version” of its fluoride salt-cooled high-temperature reactor (KP-FHR), which is defined as an advanced reactor technology that aims to be cost-competitive with natural gas in the U.S. electricity market to provide carbon-free, affordable and safe energy. The project will be a redevelopment of a site at the Heritage Center, a former U.S. Department of Energy site complex.

Department of Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm opposing the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and high-level waste (HLW) in New Mexico. “We are strongly opposed to the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and high-level waste (HLW) in New Mexico. There is currently no permanent disposal strategy for SNF and HLW in place at the Department of Energy," the letter read.

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Source: GAO based on Department of Energy documentation. | GAO-15-652

Kairos Power also received \$303 million in funding from the DOE and Office of Nuclear Energy’s program for risk reduction projects to support the design, licensing, and construction of the demonstration reactor. Kairos Power says Hermes is intended to lead to the development of the Kairos Power KP-X, a commercial-scale KP-FHR./

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