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SUBJECT: FERMIL UNIT 3 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION – ADVANCED FINAL
SAFETY EVALUATION FOR CHAPTER 2, “SITE CHARACTERISTICS”

Dear Mr. Smith:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is preparing an advanced final safety evaluation (AFSE) for each chapter of the Fermi Unit 3 Combined License Application submitted by Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) on September 18, 2008.

The staff’s AFSE for Chapter 2, “Site Characteristics” is being provided to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) subcommittee to support the upcoming meeting of the ACRS subcommittee, scheduled to be held on August 16, 2012.

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