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Fermi Unit 3  
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Administrative Judge Ronald M. Spritzer  
Office of the Secretary, Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20444-0001

To: Administrative Law Judge Ronald M. Spritzer Administrative Judge Spritzer,

Re: Docket 52-033- COL, Detroit Edison Co. Fermi Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 3 (Fermi 3)

I was unable to attend the public hearing held in Monroe on October 29th on this matter, so I am submitting comments in writing. I urge the Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) to find in favor of the contentions raised by the coalition made up of Beyond Nuclear, Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination (CACC), Citizen Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario (CEA), Don't Waste Michigan, and Sierra Club Michigan Chapter.


The State of Michigan has identified the proposed development of the Fermi 3 plant as potentially having the largest impact on Great Lakes coastal wetlands in the history of applicable state environmental protection laws. The damage to habitat for the Eastern Fox Snake, a threatened species in Michigan, and potential implications of that habitat damage are of significant concern to me. Detroit Edison Co. has alternative ways of meeting the power generation needs for its customers that do not put this habitat at risk.

In addition, the failure of Detroit Edison Co. to have an adequate quality assurance program undermines any guarantee of safe operation if Fermi 3 is ever constructed. The ASLB needs to require Detroit Edison Co. to fully respond to and address the deficiencies in their proposal, if possible, and should consider whether the failure to provide the QA program needed should lead to denial of this license.

My interests in this licensing proceeding come from my concern about the potential impact of this plant on Michigan's environment and the Great Lakes region as a whole. I urge you to find in favor of the coalition's concerns and deny this license application.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please let me know when a decision has been reached on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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