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Dear Chief,

Please accept my attached comment regarding Docket ID NRC-2008-0566.

Thank you.

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Dear Chief Bladey,

I am submitting these comments concerning Docket No. 52-033, Docket ID NRC-200800566 and the issuance of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Combined License for Enrico Fermi Unit 3, Monroe County, Michigan.

My concerns about the construction of a third nuclear power plant on the edge of Lake Erie in Monroe are 1) damage to the Great Lakes ecosystem and 2) lack of a long-term solution to the problem of storage of radioactive waste.

Already the cooling water intake for Fermi 2 destroys millions of fish eggs and larvae and thousands of adult fish. Water well monitoring in the area has disclosed tritium contamination. Algae blooms resulting from warmer water temperatures are causing a "dead zone" every year in the shallow lake. The Great Lakes ecosystem is a regional wonder and a fresh-water treasure for the planet. I have not seen a clear and comprehensive plan to protect our region from the environmental risks posed by another nuclear power plant.

The United States does not have a plan to develop a long-term storage facility for nuclear waste that will remain toxic for tens of thousands of years. Spent fuel rods at the Fermi site are stored in above-ground pools and casks. As Dale Zorn of the 56th District in the Michigan House of Representatives commented in an op-ed published in the Monroe Evening News on March 9, 2011, "*Fermi 2 is one of three Michigan nuclear power plants that have begun or are planning on-site storage, creating security risks in local communities across Michigan.*" To ensure that radioactive waste does not spill into nature, permanent storage is needed. We cannot guarantee surveillance, security or maintenance of interim storage for the time that this waste remains dangerous to living beings.

I urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to postpone further approval of Fermi 3 until the matters of environmental impact and long-term storage have been thoroughly evaluated and the local community has been adequately informed about the consequences of building another nuclear power plant on our shores. I would also request that the comment period be extended until after the Biological Report is completed and the public has had at least 60 days to review it.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Nancy Seubert
Coordinator