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“In The Name Of Love,” Bitter Valentine Delivered to Detroit Edison
Legal Intervention Against Fermi 3

Monroe, MI -- Valentine's Day -- A bitter Valentine was delivered to DTE Energy, and done so in the name of love and respect for Earth and all Inhabitants, this according to Intervenors of the proposed Fermi 3 nuclear plant. A legal brief (see link below) was filed yesterday with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board raising several new Contentions against the construction of the Fermi 3 nuclear plant.

The new contentions involve such issues as impacts on endangered and threatened plant and animal species, and their critical habitats, from the overall Fermi 3 proposal. Additional contentions include: the contemplated transmission line corridor; radiological health impacts on the Monroe County community from Fermi 3, which has already suffered a half century of radiological and toxic chemical harm from the Fermi 1 and Fermi 2 reactors; and impacts on the Walpole Island First Nation, just 53 miles away across the U.S./Canadian border. "In the name of love we ask that DTE Energy cease and desist in making application on the proposed Fermi 3 nuclear plant," stated Michael J. Keegan with Don't Waste Michigan.

"Stop breaking our heart, stop looting our wallet," Keegan insisted.

On Feb. 13, 2012, attorney Terry Lodge of Toledo, on behalf of an environmental coalition, filed a rebuttal to challenges by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff and Detroit Edison. The agency and utility were challenging contentions filed by the environmental coalition on Jan. 11, 2012 concerning NRC's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) about the new Fermi 3 reactor, a proposed General Electric-Hitachi ESBWR (so-called "Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor"). The coalition of Intervenors includes Beyond Nuclear, Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario, Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination, Don't Waste Michigan, and the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter. Beyond Nuclear has compiled all the filings relating to the battle over the Fermi 3 Draft Environmental Impact Statement, viewable online at <http://www.beyondnuclear.org/new-reactors/2012/2/3/strong-resistance-mounted-against-fermi-3-new-reactor-propos.html>.

Direct link to most recent legal filing against Fermi 3:

<http://www.beyondnuclear.org/home/2012/2/14/environmental-coalition-defends-fermi-3-eis-contentions-agai.html>

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