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Thank you for the Fermi 3 Combined License Application, Part 3: Environmental Report. A response to a threatened/endangered species review of the Fermi 3 proposed project in Wayne County, Michigan was sent from this office to the Black & Veatch Corporation November 28, 2007. In that response four endangered or threatened animal species were listed as being present in the area as were three species of threatened plants. Upon review of this report I noticed some discrepancies and causes for concern in regard to threatened species protection.

One animal species that is of primary concern in the area is the Eastern fox snake (Pantherophis gloydi). On page 2-333 of the Environmental Report it states that "nine occurrences were reported in Monroe County…the snake was sighted two times on the Fermi property in June 2008." There is a discrepancy to this statement on page 4-45 where it states "The eastern fox snake (a Michigan threatened species) has not been observed on the Fermi property, but the potential for its occurrence on the property does exist."

According to our records there is a viable population of Eastern fox snake at the site of the proposed project. We believe that going forward with the construction would not only kill snakes but destroy the habitat in which they live and possibly exterminate the species from the area.

We would like to see a plan for protection of this rare species with regard to this new reactor project.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.

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