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General Comment

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I am writing in regard to 'Detroit Edison Company Fermi Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 3 Combined License Application Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environemntal Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process" (Docket ID NRC-2008-0566)

I am concerned about the radioactive gases which are actively flushed into the atmosphere.

Planned "Purges" are officially permitted by the NRC so that utility operators can decrease the intensely radioactive environment into which maintenance workers must enter. Older reactors are allowed twenty-two purges per year during cold shutdown.

What studies have been done on the impact of these planned purges on pregnant women and children and the elderly, many of whom have a weakened immune system? Will construction of Fermi III increase the risk of exposure to harmful radioactive substances?

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

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