

## **Conference Call for Discussion of Public Services with Monroe County Planning Department**

**Monday, May 24, 2010, 9:00 AM Eastern Time**

### **Purpose**

Purpose of the call was to confirm whether any of the public services in Monroe County were near or at capacity or whether availability of public services could be impacted by the construction and operation workforce associated with Fermi 3.

### **Participants**

Monroe County Planning Department: Robert Peven, Planning Director  
Ecology and Environment (E&E): Jone Guerin

### **Summary of Discussions**

The summary of discussions during the conference call is presented below.

#### **General**

- Guerin provided overview of Fermi 3 workforce assumptions:
  - 2900 workers during peak construction period, 900 operational workforce
  - Total construction period – 8 years
  - 15-20% of the construction workforce would be from outside the local area
  - Distribution of the workforce would be patterned similar to the existing Fermi 2 workforce – 60% in Monroe County, 19% in Wayne County, and 11% in Lucas County
- R. Peven agreed that 15-20% of the workforce drawn from outside the local area seemed a reasonable assumption.
- R. Peven does not see any concerns with availability of public services since the area has not had much population growth. Detroit Edison has had a recent project to install pollution control equipment on its coal-fired plant and has brought in a 600-person workforce, which has not had any impact on public services provided in the county.
- Guerin asked whether R. Peven knew where the workforce was being housed, and R. Peven did not know. He said that hotels have had a high vacancy rate due to the economic downturn.

#### **Water Supply and Wastewater Services**

- The only jurisdiction with water supply issues is Whiteford Township in the southwest portion of the county. This area is not served by public water and the groundwater is contaminated.

#### **Police and Fire Protection Services**

- A small number of layoffs have been occurring in the police and fire departments due to the loss of property tax revenue in the area. The City of Monroe closed one fire station. These reductions have not resulted in a loss in police protection or fire protection, and R. Peven does not see this as a concern with the planned influx of construction and

operational workers. He considers the increase in population and tax revenue beneficial to the county.

- He is not aware of any local source of information that tabulates police officers and fire protection personnel for all the jurisdictions in the county.

#### Medical Services

- The area has amply medical facilities to support the influx of construction and operational workers, with major facilities in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Toledo.

#### Schools

- There have been some cutbacks in school districts, which are funded by the state, although indirectly through property tax revenue. No school closures have occurred.
- The Fermi 3 project will benefit the school districts in the area.

#### Recreation

- None of the parks in Monroe County are overcrowded or overused. R. Peven does not see any concerns with availability or capacity at these facilities with the influx of the construction or operational workforce.
- The only recreational issue associated with the Fermi plant is the 1-mile buffer around the plant where no fishing is allowed. This buffer was instituted as part of the federal homeland security measures. Recreational use of the Monroe County shoreline along Lake Erie is affected by this security measure. For example, the county is developing a kayak trail, and will have to look at routing the trail around the 1-mile security buffer or portaging around the Fermi plant site.

#### Transportation

- The area is served by a very good transportation system. There are no issues with the current Fermi 2 workforce. Workers readily access Interstate 75.

#### Other

- R. Peven will provide contact information for specific service providers if we need more detailed information.