

November 28, 2011

Mr. Jim Walther, Director  
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON, PROPOSED  
OPTIONS TO MITIGATE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE POTENTIAL  
DEMOLITION OF THE ENRICO FERMI ATOMIC POWER PLANT IN  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Dear Mr. Walther:

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is currently exploring options to mitigate the adverse effects of demolishing the Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant (Fermi 1), whose location is indicated on the enclosed map of Stony Point, Michigan. Fermi 1 appears to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and is being treated as if it is a historic property. Demolition of Fermi 1 would potentially occur if the Detroit Edison Company were granted a combined license (COL) for construction and operation of a new nuclear power plant, Fermi Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 3 (Fermi 3), because the proposed Fermi 3 power block construction area encompasses the Fermi 1 structure. The Fermi 3 COL application and the NRC staff's draft environmental impact statement for this action are available on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/fermi.html>.

Although components of the Fermi 1 plant were removed during initial decommissioning in 1975 and subsequent remediation activities, the facility retains sufficient physical integrity, supported by extensive records and documentation, to adequately convey its significance. However, preserving the Fermi 1 structure would achieve little preservation purpose because access to the site is severely restricted and the public would have limited opportunity for interpretive understanding of the plant. Consequently, proposed measures to mitigate adverse effects on Fermi 1 will likely consist of recordation of the Fermi 1 structure, much of which has already been completed, and development of an offsite exhibit about Fermi 1 at an appropriate publicly accessible location.

The measures to mitigate adverse effects on Fermi 1 will be finalized in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the NRC and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office. The enclosed draft MOA (with its appendix) contains mitigation measures in stipulations I and II, which have been reviewed and approved by the signatories pending any pertinent comments you may have.

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Because you have expressed interest in participating in the NHPA Section 106 consultation process, the NRC staff invites your comments on the aforementioned stipulations. Please provide any comments to me at your earliest convenience, but within 30 calendar days of this letter, preferably by e-mail at [John.Fringer@nrc.gov](mailto:John.Fringer@nrc.gov), or by mail at: Mail Stop T7-F27, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Thank you in advance for your comments and participation in the NHPA Section 106 consultation process. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 415-6208 or via e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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