

Fermi3CEm Resource

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To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Monroe Water System is generally in favor of the overall Fermi 3 project. The City of Monroe is located adjacent to Frenchtown Charter Township such that the City & Frenchtown co-own a raw water facility (Raw Water Partnership) used to serve potable water to their respective retail and wholesale customers. The City of Monroe maintains the raw water facility for the partnership were Lake Erie is the raw water source. Between both water systems, approximately 75,000 people are served potable water.

The City of Monroe and Raw Water Partnership are in receipt of the correspondence for the proposed Fermi 3 Project. The project will aid in employment opportunities and retail revenue for Monroe County.

We have reviewed the proposed plans such that concerns with the construction project will likely produce soil erosion and may increase sediment transport into Lake Erie. Lake Erie is the source of both water systems and due to the site work proximity to the intakes used to draw raw water from the lake, we are concerned that a decrease in raw water quality may result from the project conversely increasing water treatment plant costs to treat the water to safe drinking water standards.

Also, details on the Fermi 3 containment system to be used are not available. Any potential radioactive leakage from the containment system into the lake is not desirable due to the amount of customers served by both water systems and limited raw water sources. The partnership currently has a DTE provided & maintained radioactive metering system used to detect any radioactive raw water while being drawn in via intakes such that it is desired that the system continue to be maintained and or upgraded with the project with newer technology to allow both water systems adequate time to change raw water sources or alternatives in the event of a catastrophic event.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our comments.

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