

February 21, 2012

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO LETTER DATED DECEMBER 30, 2011, LETTER FROM MS. IVY SMITH TO MR. JACK DAVIS OF DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

Dear Ms. Francis:

The subject letter from Ms. Ivy Smith, Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Clerk, was forwarded to me from Randall Westmoreland (Environmental Lead at Detroit Edison Company), on January 4, 2012.

On the morning of January 5, 2012, during a phone conversation with Ms. Smith, Ms. Smith stated she was unaware of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) scoping letter sent to Ms. Tamara Francis, the Cultural Preservation Director of the Delaware Nation, dated December 31, 2011. Ms. Smith also said she was unaware of the NRC's letter dated October 20, 2011, in which the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the combined license for the Fermi Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 3 (Fermi 3), was enclosed. However, when I called Ms. Smith that afternoon, she had located both the letter and the DEIS. Ms. Natasha Snyder, a Senior Cultural Resources Specialist with Ecology and Environment, Inc., and NRC's cultural resources subject matter expert for Fermi 3, was also included on the afternoon call.

During the aforementioned call, Ms. Smith stated that the Cultural Preservation Director of the Delaware Nation is only interested in archaeological (subsurface) sites for Fermi 3. Therefore, enclosed for your information are the following reports identified by Ms. Snyder, that contain the archaeological information specific to the Fermi 3 site:

1. Demeter, C.S., K.C. Taylor, E.H. Robinson, C. Chidester, D.J. Weir, and N.F. Demeter. 2008. *Phase I Cultural Resources Evaluation of the Fermi Atomic Power Plant Unit 3 (Fermi 3) Project, Frenchtown and Berlin Townships, Monroe County, Michigan*. Prepared by Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group, Inc., Jackson, Michigan. Prepared for Black & Veatch, Overland Park, Kansas.
2. Weir, A.J. 2008. Letter from Andrew J. Weir (Project Underwater Archaeologist, Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group, Inc.) to Douglas V. Timpe (Black & Veatch Corporation) dated December 1, 2008, "RE: Submerged Sites Sensitivity Study, Fermi 3 Project, Monroe County, Michigan."

3. Weir, A.J. 2010. Letter from Andrew J. Weir to Douglas V. Timpe dated October 12, 2010, "RE: Submerged Sites Sensitivity Study, Fermi 3 Project, Monroe County, Michigan."<sup>1</sup>
4. Taylor, K.C. 2009. Letter from Kent C. Taylor (Project Archaeologist, Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group, Inc.) to Douglas V. Timpe dated November 17, 2009, "RE: Report of Archaeological Field View, Proposed Meteorological Tower Site, Tentative Access Road, and Construction Laydown Area, Revised Site Layout, Fermi 3 Project, Monroe County, Michigan."
5. Taylor, K.C. 2010. Letter from Kent C. Taylor to Douglas V. Timpe dated March 30, 2011, "RE: Cultural Resources Review, Proposed Meteorological Tower and Access Road Location, Proposed Construction Laydown Area, and Proposed Onsite Transmission Line Corridor, Revised Site Layout 2010, Fermi 3 Project, Monroe County, Michigan."

Also, for your information, enclosed is the signed Memorandum of Agreement between the NRC and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), regarding the demolition of the Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant, Unit 1.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me by phone at 301-415-6208 or by email at [John.Fringer@nrc.gov](mailto:John.Fringer@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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John H. Fringer, Project Manager  
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<sup>1</sup> An error was identified on Figure 4 of the 2008 study (e.g., attachment 2, above), which depicts the location of several shipwrecks on Lake Erie in the vicinity of the Fermi site. The shipwrecks are in the correct location. However, the names were incorrect. Additionally, a clarifying statement was added to the final paragraph of the report stating that any potentially significant maritime resources that may be present within the project area may exhibit degraded integrity, due to the dynamic and turbulent nature of the shallow-water near-shore environment. Note that Figure 5 of the revised study contains information identifying the location of what was assumed to be a historic resource, and thus was enclosed separately in Attachment 9 as a document withheld from public disclosure. However, because of erosion, evidence of the site no longer exists, so this document must now be made public.

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