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Mr. Randall Westmoreland  
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Dear Mr. Westmoreland:

Information received regarding the proposed nuclear electric plant (Fermi 3) (DEQ File No. 10-58-0011-P) in Monroe County (sections 16, 17, 20, 21, 29, 29, T6S R10E) has been reviewed. The information was found

to adequately address the concerns for potential threatened and endangered species at the site in question.

not adequately address the concerns for potential threatened and endangered species at the site in question.

Based on the provided information,

The proposed project should have no direct impacts on known special natural features at the location(s) specified if it proceeds according to the plans provided.

The following special features occurs on the site(s) and should be avoided and protected from harm from all activities associated with the project and in perpetuity from any future activities on the property.

X An endangered species permit is required if activities will harm the species that are present, including transplanting them to another location.

       The project may proceed with recommendations listed below. You are advised to minimize or eliminate impacts on endangered and threatened species and to report observations to this office.

X Other comments

The construction of the new nuclear plant at this site will most definitely harm a portion of the population of Eastern fox snakes (*Pantherophis gloydi*) that is known to reside there and its habitat. The plan that was presented will help to minimize the amount of harm.

Thank you for your advance coordination in addressing the protection of Michigan's natural resource heritage. If you have further questions, please call me at 517-373-9418 or e-mail at [SargentL@michigan.gov](mailto:SargentL@michigan.gov)

Sincerely,



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