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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF
FERMI 2, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear Mr. Conway:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting an environmental review of the effects of renewing the operating license for Fermi 2. Fermi 2 is located in Monroe County, Michigan, approximately 30 miles southwest of Detroit, Michigan, and 7 miles from the United States-Canada border. Fermi 2 is operated by DTE Electric Company (DTE). As part of its review of the proposed action, the NRC has prepared a draft site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, NUREG-1437. The draft SEIS includes analyses of relevant environmental issues, including potential impacts to historic, archeological and cultural properties from extended operation activities associated with license renewal.

As stated in our letter dated July 8, 2014, the NRC has determined that the area of potential effect (APE) for a license renewal action is the area at the power plant site and its immediate environs that may be impacted by post-license renewal land disturbing operation or projected refurbishment activities associated with the proposed action. The NRC views the APE for the Fermi 2 license renewal as including the Fermi site and the immediate environs.

In the context of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, under which the draft environmental impact statement was prepared, the NRC staff's preliminary determination is that the impact of license renewal on historical and archaeological resources is small, and additional mitigation is not warranted. Under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the NRC staff's preliminary determination is that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed action.

In support of these conclusions, the NRC has conducted an environmental audit at the site and performed an independent analysis and review of historic and archaeological records. The NRC also initiated consultation with 17 Federally recognized Native American tribes, notifying them of the proposed action and requesting comments and concerns. Documentation for tribal consultation is presented in Appendix D of the SEIS.

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A copy of the draft SEIS with these conclusions is enclosed. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), we are requesting your comments on the draft supplement and on our preliminary conclusions. Electronic comments on the draft SEIS may be submitted to the NRC by accessing www.regulations.gov and searching for Docket ID NRC-2014-0109. Written comments should be submitted by mail to:

Cindy Bladey, Chief
Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB)
Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN-12-H08
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Please note that the public comment period for the draft SEIS ends on December 28, 2015.

A public meeting to discuss the findings of the draft SEIS will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at the Monroe County Community College, La-Z-Boy-Center, 1555 South Raisinville Road, Monroe, Michigan 48161. The meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 9:00 p.m., as necessary. A notice will be published shortly providing more details about this meeting. A separate Notice of Availability of the draft SEIS will be placed in the Federal Register through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Robert Hoffman, Environmental Scientist, at 301-415-1107 or by e-mail at Robert.Hoffman@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-341

Enclosures:

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2. NUREG-1437, Generic Environmental Impact Statement
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