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SERVANT (City of Monroe Commission on the Environment and Water Quality, Monroe County
Historical Commission, State Historical Commission and Statewide Public Advisory Council on
Great Lakes Areas of Concern) December 2, 2015

Re: FERMII 2 LICENSE EXTENSION DRAFT EIS

My name is Richard G. Micka. Over the years, I have had the distinct privilege as a volunteer to work with people at DTE Energy on a number of environmental projects in Monroe Harbor and Laguna Beach (location of Fermi II). This relationship became more prominent when the U.S. Congress created the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in 2001. This Refuge includes the entire West Shore of Lake Erie in Monroe County! Public Utilities such as DTE Energy have a large footprint on this part of the Refuge boundary that extends from the Ohio line to Detroit. As a result, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has entered into a Joint Operating Agreement with DTE Energy to protect fish and wildlife values on Fermi II property. There is a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment as a matter of public record that supports this partnership. These documents establish ecological parameters within the boundaries of the Refuge, some of which are guidelines that involve volunteers like myself and address issues of public use.

DTE Energy has generously supported all of these programs and has included wetlands on their property near the Fermi II site as part of the Refuge. As a volunteer, I appreciate this working partnership with DTE Energy and look forward to sharing the natural wonders of the International Wildlife Refuge with Fermi II.

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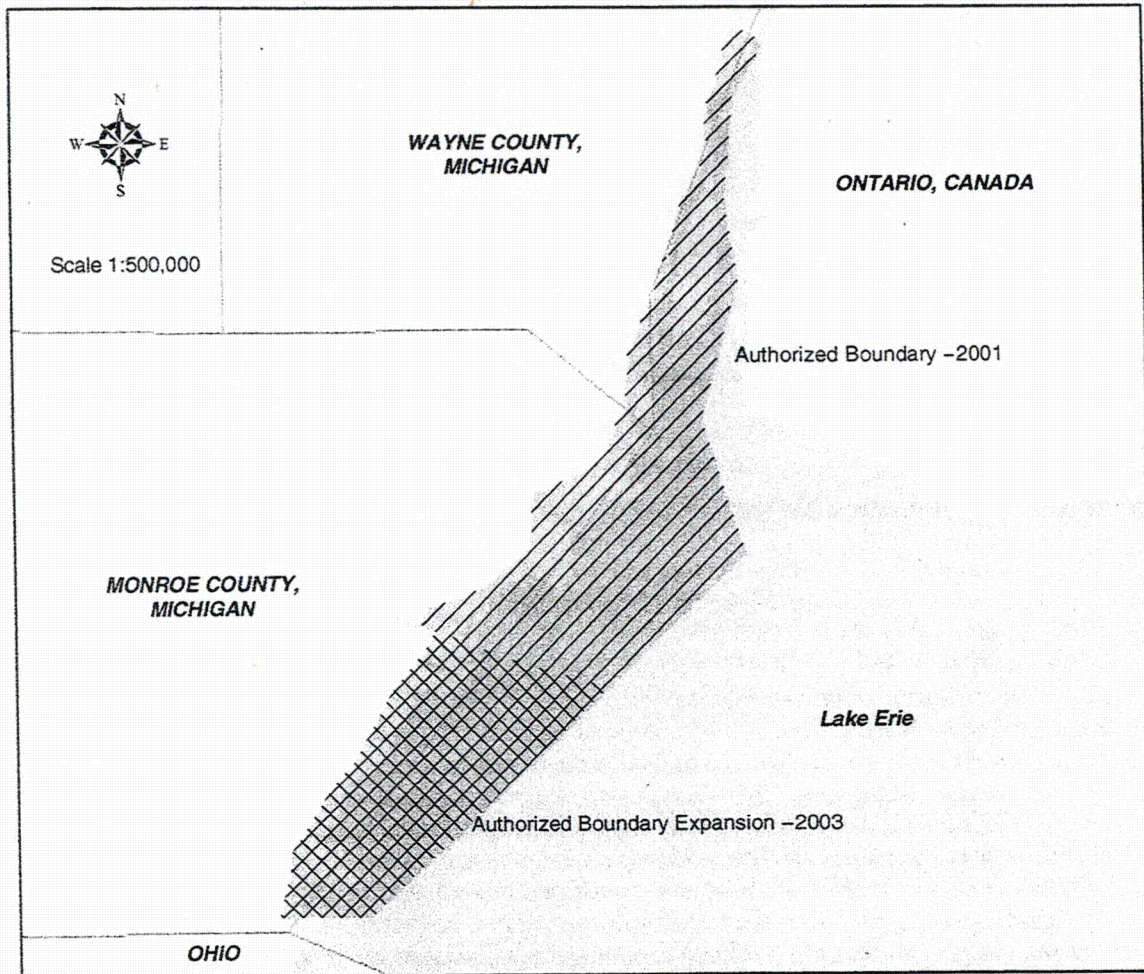
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Figure 2: Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Authorized Boundary



On September 25, 2003, the Service and Detroit Edison Company entered into a cooperative agreement for managing wildlife habitat on over 600 acres of the 1,200-plus acre nuclear facility in Frenchtown Township (Fermi 2). In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is proposing to transfer a 168-acre parcel of land adjacent to the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area and Estral Beach for inclusion in the Refuge. The Service has accepted a management permit for the site and will be working on the transfer process with the Corps over the next year or so.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the primary Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Specific responsibilities include enforcing Federal wildlife laws, managing migratory bird populations, restoring nationally significant fisheries, administering the Endangered Species Act, and restoring wildlife habitat such as wetlands. The Service also manages the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Figure 10: Conservation Priority Lands Along the Western Lake Erie Shoreline

