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While we understand that the NRC has verified that the proposed discharge is below NRC radiation exposure limits, we want to ensure that there will be no adverse impacts on the health of Ohioans and their environment.

We understand that the Detroit Edison Co. has agreed to delay the planned release of the contaminated water, and that a public meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, to determine any unresolved questions surrounding the discharge. We expect that the NRC will be present at this meeting to ensure all applicable standards and procedures are followed.

In the event that the release of the contaminated water moves forward, we expect the NRC to monitor each discharge as it happens to ensure the discharge remains below harmful levels. Therefore, we would like you to assure us and the citizens of Ohio that an adequate determination has been made that these discharges pose no risk to environmental health and safety around Lake Erie.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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