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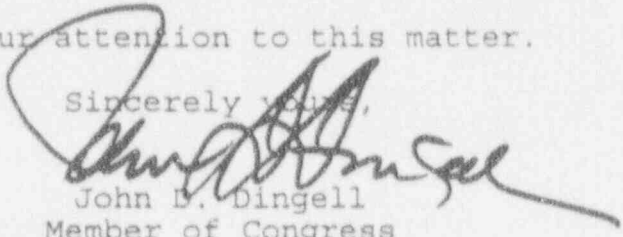
Dear Chairman Selin:

I understand that Detroit Edison Company plans to discharge into Lake Erie up to 1.5 million gallons of water that has a certain level of radioactivity. As you know, the water will be released a mile from the inlet that provides tap water for the City of Monroe. As a result, I remain concerned that this release of water meets all applicable standards under the law governing the release of liquids containing nuclear material.

I understand that this release has the prior approval of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and that in advance of the decision to release this water, the NRC made a determination that the radioactivity in the water will not exceed the levels permissible by law. I also understand that the NRC intends to monitor the release of this water at the point of discharge and at all water intake points at the time of the release. Please provide me with the results of NRC monitoring and testing efforts when they are completed, and with the documentation on which the Commission based its decision that these releases would not adversely affect the health and safety of the surrounding community.

An agreement was reached on February 17, 1994 between local government officials, members of the community, and Detroit Edison Company that the State Health Department will independently review and test the radioactivity of the planned release. The results of the Health Department review will be discussed in a meeting planned for Wednesday of next week. Detroit Edison Company has agreed to wait until the results of that review to release the water. It would be useful and appropriate for NRC staff to be present at that meeting and I respectfully request that you assist in ensuring attendance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Dingell
Member of Congress

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