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TO THE SECRETARY:

The League of Women Voters of Ohio urges the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to rescind approval to bury low-level radiation waste at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1.

The League of Women Voters has had a position in Land Use since 1972 under which we state that it is the responsibility of government to identify and regulate areas of critical concern, which include fragile lands such as shorelines of rivers, lakes and streams, estuaries and bays; rare ecosystems such as wetlands; and natural hazard lands such as floodplains. The League of Women Voters also has a position which states that "Action..." should be taken "to improve and protect water quality and to support planning and management of water resources to meet local and regional needs, and the national interest."

The League of Women Voters of Ohio fully agrees with the statements of the League of Women Voters Lake Erie Basin Committee and the League of Women Voters of Rocky River dated April 10, 1986. However, we do have one addition to the testimony: the Navarre Marsh is part of the Davis-Besse site as well as adjacent to it. As the State of Ohio asserts in its petition to intervene, the site would not be approved for disposal of solid waste (Ohio Administrative Code Section 3745-26), mainly due to its being located within a 100 year floodplain. We believe that low-level radiation waste MUST have AT LEAST the same care in its handling and disposal.

Millions of Ohio residents receive their drinking water from Lake Erie and the groundwater from the wetlands and rivers of the area. Radiation wastes in a floodplain will surely pollute the groundwater. We feel that the State of Ohio has adequately expressed our concerns in its petition; however, we are concerned that any group in the Lake Erie Basin would be prevented from being intervenors at these hearings. Basically, we are very concerned that burial of low-level radiation waste at this site will threaten our resources and environment.

We request that you give our concerns your serious consideration.

Respectfully,

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