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LICENSING BOARD TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENT MAY 5 IN MONROE, MICH., ON FERMI NEW NUCLEAR REACTOR APPLICATION

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) panel will hear oral argument on a request for a hearing in the Fermi Combined License (COL) proceeding on Tuesday, May 5, in Monroe, Mich. The ASLB is the NRC's quasi-judicial arm dealing with licensing matters.

Oral arguments will begin at 10 a.m. EDT in Council Chambers at Monroe City Hall, 120 E. First St. in Monroe, and the Board expects the session will end no later than 4 p.m. The session is open for public observation, but participation will be limited to the petitioners, applicant and NRC staff involved in the proceeding. Early arrival is suggested to allow for security screening for all members of the public interested in attending. NRC policy prohibits signs, banners, posters or displays in the hearing room.

Detroit Energy submitted a COL application Sept. 18, 2008, to construct and operate a nuclear reactor at the Fermi site, near Monroe. A request to intervene in the proceeding was submitted by several individuals and public interest groups. The ASLB panel will hear oral argument on the admissibility of some of the issues raised in this filing and determine, at a later date, whether a hearing should be granted.

Documents related to the Fermi COL application are available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/fermi.html>. Documents pertaining to the ASLB proceeding are available in the agency's electronic document library at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>.

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