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NRC Seeks Public Input on Fermi Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold two public meetings on Thursday, July 24, in Monroe, Mich., to describe the license renewal process and provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the environmental issues the NRC should consider in its license renewal review.

Fermi Unit 2 boiling-water reactor is located in Newport, Mich., 25 miles northeast of Toledo, Ohio. The current operating license expires March 20, 2025. The plant's owner, the DTE Electric Company, submitted the application for 20 additional years of operation April 24, 2014.

The meetings will be held at the Monroe County Community College, La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater, 1555 South Raisinville Road, in Monroe. The first session will run 2-4 p.m. and the second session 7-9 p.m. Both sessions will follow the same agenda.

An informal open house will be held an hour prior to the start of each meeting to provide interested members of the public with an opportunity to talk informally with agency staff. However, formal comments must be expressed during the transcribed meetings following the NRC's presentations.

"There will be several opportunities for public participation during the course of our evaluation of the license renewal application. This is one such opportunity," said Brian Wittick, a branch chief in the NRC's Division of License Renewal. "All comments we receive will be considered as we move forward with our review."

The license renewal application is available on the NRC website.

Members of the public may register to present oral comments at this meeting by contacting Leslie Perkins, at 800-368-5642, ext. 2375, or by email at <u>Leslie.Perkins@nrc.gov</u>. Those who wish to make comments may also register at the meeting prior to the start of each session.