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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FERMI NEW REACTOR; MEETINGS SCHEDULED DEC. 15

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is seeking public comments on its preliminary finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude issuing a Combined License (COL) for a new reactor at the Fermi site near Newport, Mich.

Staff from the NRC will discuss their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in meetings from 1-4 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Monroe County Community College, La-Z Boy Center Meyer Theater, 1555 S. Raisinville Road in Monroe, Mich. The NRC will transcribe the meetings and post the transcript on the agency's [website](#). NRC staff will also be available for informal discussions with members of the public during "open house" sessions from noon-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. No formal comments on the DEIS will be accepted during these open houses.

The DEIS is available on the agency's [website](#) as well as the NRC's electronic document database, ADAMS, by entering accession numbers ML11287A108 and ML11287A109 in the ADAMS [search engine](#). In addition, the Ellis Reference & Information Center, Monroe County Library System, at 3700 S. Custer Road in Monroe, will have a hardbound copy of the DEIS available for public inspection.

Detroit Edison submitted its new reactor application on Sept. 18, 2008, requesting a license to build and operate an Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) at the Fermi site, adjacent to the company's existing reactor approximately 25 miles northeast of Toledo, Ohio. General Electric-Hitachi Nuclear Energy submitted an application to certify the ESBWR, a 1,600-megawatt electric design, on Aug. 24, 2005. More information on the ESBWR certification amendment review is available on the NRC [website](#).

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting, or with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meeting, should contact Bruce Olson by telephone at 800-368-5642 x3731, or via e-mail at Fermi3.COLEIS@nrc.gov by Dec. 8. Those wishing to speak may also register at the meetings no later than 12:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., respectively. Individual comments could be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the DEIS through Jan. 11, 2012. Comments may be submitted through the federal government's Rulemaking website at www.regulations.gov using Docket ID NRC-2008-0566; by e-mail to Fermi3.COLEIS@nrc.gov; or by mail to Chief, Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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