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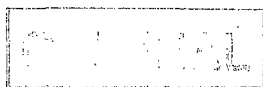
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PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING

PROCESS FOR DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR STATION

LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

NOVEMBER 4, 2010

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PORT CLINTON, OHIO

The Public Meeting convened at Camp Perry Lodging  
and Conference Center, Camp Perry Military Reservation,  
1000 Lawrence Road, Port Clinton, Ohio.

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

Afternoon Session

1:30 p.m.

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4 MR. BARKLEY: My name is Richard Barkley.  
5 I'm the meeting facilitator for the meeting this  
6 afternoon, and I'm very pleased to see we have a good  
7 turnout this afternoon. We'll probably have a larger  
8 turnout this evening for this meeting. This is on the  
9 Environmental Impact Statement for Davis-Besse's license  
10 renewal request.

11 And, what I'm going to do is go over to few  
12 ground rules of how we conduct this public meeting. We  
13 want to get your comments in and everyone gets a fair  
14 share of time and the Court Reporter can actually  
15 clearly hear your remarks.

16 First of all, if you would like to speak,  
17 please sign up on the yellow card up at the front. We  
18 have at least ten people who want to speak at this point  
19 in time. So, I will call you in the specific order to  
20 go through and make sure we cover all the groups that  
21 are interested in speaking.

22 To be fair to everyone, please limit your  
23 remarks to a reasonable period of time. I normally ask  
24 people to keep their remarks to five minutes. Since we  
25 only have about ten speakers, we can give you a little

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1 more latitude than that, and we'll work through and make  
2 sure you get a fair share of time but not too much time  
3 as we go through.

4           In the interest of efficiency, I will call  
5 three people to come up and speak. That seems to be the  
6 most efficient, so the first one will come to the  
7 microphone, whichever one you feel comfortable at. You  
8 can speak from this microphone or you can speak from the  
9 podium. And, after we go through three, I will call  
10 another three, so you have some time to prepare and are  
11 ready to make your remarks.

12           I alternate typically between elected  
13 officials and members of the public. That gives the  
14 elected officials a chance to speak early but also  
15 allows the public a chance to speak earlier as well.  
16 So, we'll alternate back and forth.

17           Next item, please silence your cell phones  
18 if you have one with you. Thank you very much. Again,  
19 please speak clearly into the microphone when you're  
20 speaking because we do have a Court Reporter to record  
21 these remarks, so we want to make sure we accurately  
22 recover all your remarks. If you have it in a written  
23 format, you can also turn those in to us as well.

24           I would ask in the interest of courtesy that  
25 you do not interrupt the speaker when you're talking and

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1' speak only when at the microphone.

2           Again, written comments are welcome. If you  
3 don't want to come to the microphone, you can turn in  
4 written comments, and then the presenters here today  
5 will talk to you about how you can formally turn in  
6 written comments by mail between now and the latter part  
7 of the month.

8           And, finally, if you have any questions or  
9 concerns regarding how this meeting is being conducted,  
10 please come and see me. I will be glad to work through  
11 any issues you may have.

12           I would like to introduce the NRC staff in  
13 attendance at this meeting.

14           First, Dave Wrona is a Branch Chief from the  
15 License Renewal Branch.

16           Secondly, Brian Harris, who is the Safety  
17 Project Manager from NLR who will be making a  
18 presentation coming up.

19           Paula Cooper, who is the Environmental  
20 Project Manager from NLR, and she will also be making a  
21 presentation this afternoon.

22           Scott Burnell, the Public Affairs Officer  
23 from our headquarters office.

24           Allan Barker, the Region III State Liaison  
25 Officer.

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1 April Behault. She's a biologist with our  
2 Division of License Renewal.

3 John Rutkowski, he's the Senior Resident  
4 Inspector at Davis-Besse, and Dave Kimble who I believe  
5 will be replacing him in the near term.

6 And, finally, Adam Wilson, who is the  
7 resident inspector.

8 At this point in time, I would like to turn  
9 the meeting over to Brian Harris to make his  
10 presentation.

11 MR. HARRIS: Good afternoon. My name is  
12 Brian Harris, and I would like to thank you all for  
13 coming out to this public information session today.  
14 I'm NRC's Project Manager in charge of the Davis-Besse  
15 license renewal application for Davis-Besse.

16 This meeting serves two purposes: To explain  
17 the license renewal process and to gather your comments  
18 on the environmental scoping. This slide points out two  
19 parts of the meeting where you can get involved. We'll  
20 have a question and answer session on the license  
21 renewal process, and later we'll officially record your  
22 environmental scoping comments.

23 Next slide, please. So, our first topic on  
24 the agenda is the license renewal process overview. As  
25 I said earlier, we're here to help you understand the

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1 license renewal process. I'll describe the safety  
2 review, and Ms. Paula Cooper will do the environmental  
3 review.

4           So, before I get into the discussion of the  
5 license renewal process, I would like to take a minute  
6 to tell you about NRC, what we do and what our mission  
7 is. We protect the public health and safety, promote  
8 common defense and security and protect the environment  
9 from radioactive materials that are used for civilian  
10 purposes.

11           We accomplish this mission by establishing  
12 rules and regulations, conducting inspections, issuing  
13 enforcement actions, assessing licensing performance,  
14 and evaluating operating experience for nuclear plants  
15 across the country and around the globe.

16           So, one of the ways that we protect public  
17 health and safety is through our ongoing oversight of  
18 nuclear power plants. The NRC's power plant oversight  
19 covers topics such as emergency planning, security and  
20 current safety performance every day through our  
21 resident inspectors and additional staff at our Regional  
22 Headquarters Offices.

23           For example, the NRC continues to evaluate  
24 how First Energy is addressing the emergency  
25 preparedness issue at Davis-Besse. The Agency issues a

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1 report on Monday of our inspection activity to this  
2 point. And, because we address security emergency  
3 planning and current performance every day, we do not  
4 reevaluate these issues in license renewal.

5 Another example of ongoing oversight is the  
6 recent NRC mandated inspection of Davis-Besse's reactor  
7 vessel head which reveal cracks in nozzles on the head.  
8 While the cracks do not affect safe plant operation, the  
9 NRC oversaw First Energy's repairs of the head and  
10 ensured that the plant did everything necessary to keep  
11 the plant operating safely before Davis-Besse started  
12 this summer.

13 The NRC will continue to oversee these sorts  
14 of inspection, maintenance and repair activities for  
15 every operating plant regardless of whether the plant  
16 has entered a new license period.

17 So, the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station was  
18 originally licensed on April 22, 1977. The Atomic  
19 Energy Act authorizes the NRC to grant a 40-year  
20 operating license to nuclear power reactors. The plant  
21 has been operating for 32 years under its 40-year  
22 license, and Congress decided on the 40-year term for  
23 economic considerations and antitrust factors, not on  
24 safety or technical limitations. If the license is  
25 renewed, it will then be valid until April 2037.

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1 License renewal involves two parallel  
2 reviews: A safety review and an environmental review.  
3 These reviews evaluate separate aspects of the license  
4 renewal application. The safety review focuses on the  
5 aging of components and structures that the NRC deems  
6 important to plant safety.

7 The staff's main objective is to ensure the  
8 applicant can adequately manage the effects of aging on  
9 the plant and will document results of our safety review  
10 in our safety evaluation report, or SER.

11 For the environmental review, the staff  
12 considers, evaluates and describes the environmental  
13 impacts of operating the plant for an additional  
14 20 years. The objective of the review is to determine  
15 if the environmental impacts of the license renewal are  
16 so great that license renewal would not become a  
17 reasonable option. The staff prepares an Environmental  
18 Impact Statement, or EIS, to document its environmental  
19 review.

20 So, this diagram lays out the two review  
21 paths as well as three other inputs to the Commission's  
22 decision on whether or not to renew an operating  
23 license, and one of their considerations is an  
24 independent review of the staff's safety report by the  
25 Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, or ACRS.

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1           The ACRS is a group of scientists and nuclear  
2 safety experts who provide professional advice to the  
3 Commission. Now, after reviewing the application, the  
4 safety evaluation report and inspection findings, the  
5 ACRS reports their findings and recommendations directly  
6 to the Commission.

7           Hearings may also be conducted if interested  
8 stakeholders submit concerns or contentions, and their  
9 request for a hearing is granted. The Commission  
10 considers the outcome of the hearing process in its  
11 decision on whether or not to issue a new operating  
12 license.

13           As part of the environmental review, the  
14 staff consults with local, state, federal and travel  
15 officials.

16           Now, I'm going to describe the license  
17 renewal process in a little more detail with the safety  
18 review, and Ms. Cooper will describe the environmental  
19 review later.

20           So, the regulations governing a license  
21 renewal are based on two principles: The first  
22 principle is that the current regulations ensure that  
23 the current licensing basis for all operating plants  
24 provide and maintain an acceptable level of safety.

25           The second principle is that the plant's

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1 current licensing basis must be maintained during the  
2 renewal term. In other words, the same rule that  
3 applies under the current license will apply to a  
4 renewed license. In addition, a renewed license will  
5 include conditions that must be met to ensure aging is  
6 adequately managed so that the plant's current licensing  
7 basis is maintained during the extended period of  
8 operation.

9           The staff performs rigorous reviews of the  
10 applicant's application and supporting documents, and  
11 this review includes evaluating new and existing  
12 programs and surveillance activities to determine  
13 whether the effects of aging concerning plant structures  
14 and components will be adequately monitored and managed.

15           The safety review also includes on site  
16 audits to verify the applicant's technical basis and to  
17 verify and confirm that the application accurately  
18 describes the applicant's aging management programs and  
19 activities. The staff documents the basis and  
20 conclusions of its review in a public safety evaluation  
21 report.

22           In addition, a team of specialized inspectors  
23 travel to the site to verify that aging management  
24 programs are being implemented, modified or planned  
25 consistent with the license renewal application.

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1           The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards  
2 independently reviews the license renewal application  
3 and the staff's safety evaluation report before making a  
4 recommendation to the Commission regarding a proposed  
5 action to a renewed operating license.

6           So, that concludes the safety review, and  
7 I'll now hand it over to Ms. Paula Cooper.

8           MS. COOPER:       Good afternoon. My name is  
9 Paula Cooper. I'm the NRC's Environmental Project  
10 Manager for Davis-Besse, and as Brian Harris described  
11 previously in the safety review, I'm going to do the  
12 bottom leg of the diagram and do the environmental  
13 review.

14           The environmental review follows guidelines  
15 set by the National Environmental Policy Act, also  
16 referred to as NEPA. NEPA provides the basic  
17 architectural review format for federal environmental  
18 reviews requiring a systematic approach and advising the  
19 potential impact of major federal action.

20           At the NRC, the license renewal application  
21 is classified as a major federal action. The  
22 environmental review considers the impact of the  
23 proposed action and any mitigation for those impacts be  
24 considered to be significant. We consider alternatives  
25 to proposed action, even the impacts associated with not

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1 issuing a renewed license, referred to as a no action  
2 alternative.

3           As you can see, you have several  
4 opportunities to participate in the license renewal  
5 process. A Federal Register notice and press release  
6 will be issued for most of these opportunities. The  
7 environmental review begins today with the scoping  
8 activities that reveal important issues that need to be  
9 analyzed. During the scoping, we want your comments on  
10 the scope of the environmental review.

11           The public input is the second half of our  
12 meeting today and will be discussed later in this  
13 session.

14           After studying the range of environmental  
15 impact, we will publish a draft Environmental Impact  
16 Statement for public comment. At that time, we will  
17 come back and have another public meeting and issue and  
18 request your comments on that draft. Once we collect  
19 your comments on that draft, we will then issue our  
20 final Environmental Impact Statement.

21           The opportunity for a hearing permits those  
22 who are directly affected by the licensing  
23 qualification. A hearing will be conducted by the panel  
24 of administrative law judges who are called the Atomic  
25 Safety and Licensing Board, also referred to as the

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1 ASLB.

2 This is the important milestone to the  
3 license renewal application process. The notice of  
4 opportunity for hearing was published on October 25th,  
5 followed by the notice of intent for hearing, the EIS,  
6 and conduct scoping on October 29th.

7 The period for making comments or contentions  
8 for a hearing closes on December 27th. If you have  
9 comments regarding the environmental review, if you  
10 would like to see a copy of today's meeting, you will  
11 have the opportunity to do so until December 27th as  
12 well.

13 In summary, before deciding to issue a  
14 renewed operating license, the Commission considers the  
15 following factors:

16 The staff safety review which is documented  
17 in the safety evaluation report, the staff environmental  
18 review which is documented in the Environmental Impact  
19 Statement, NRC's findings and conclusions from the  
20 sections, and the recommendation by the committee on  
21 reactor safeguards, these hearings.

22 If a hearing is conducted, the absence of  
23 that process is also taken into consideration. The  
24 typical time frame for renewing a renewed license is  
25 22 months for review, provided that no hearing is

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1 involved. If a hearing is involved, it could take  
2 30 months or more.

3 We have made available hard copies of the  
4 license renewal application at the (indiscernible)  
5 public library and the Toledo Lucas County Public  
6 Library. When the draft Environmental Impact Statement  
7 is available, it will also be available at those  
8 libraries as well.

9 Several documents have been previously  
10 gathered and can be found on the CD located on the table  
11 here to my right. They include the generic  
12 Environmental Impact Statement, the license renewal  
13 application, the three Federal Registers that have been  
14 published to date and a copy of the frequently-asked  
15 questions for license renewal. You can also access all  
16 these documents on the NRC website. The LRA can be  
17 found on the website as well.

18 For information relating to the scoping  
19 comments, you can review the regulations on site and  
20 additionally to keep informed on aspects related to the  
21 NRC at the website.

22 This concludes this presentation, and I'll  
23 turn it back over to the facilitator.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. BARKLEY: Thank you. At this point in

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1 time, we would like to ask the audience if there are any  
2 questions regarding the license renewal process. This  
3 is not an opportunity for you to provide comments on the  
4 Environmental Impact Statement but, rather, an  
5 opportunity for you to ask questions regarding this  
6 process of the staff. If you have any questions, please  
7 go ahead and move to the center microphone and staff  
8 will answer them; and if not, we'll move into the  
9 comment period.

10 (No Response)

11 MR. BARKLEY: No questions? Okay, how  
12 about we move right into the comment period then.

13 MS. COOPER: All right, previously, we  
14 had presented the license renewal process, and now we're  
15 going on to the second stage of the presentation and  
16 that's the environmental scoping.

17 This completes the previous presentation, and  
18 I would like to highlight that we're on the second step  
19 followed by the public scoping meeting.

20 Scoping meetings started on October 29th with  
21 the notice of intent to prepare an EIS and to conduct  
22 scoping was published.

23 In general, we were looking for sources of  
24 information about the environmental impact of continued  
25 operations at Davis-Besse that we should consider when

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1 we prepare our EIS.

2           You can assist us in that process by telling  
3 us, for example, what aspect of your local community we  
4 should focus on, what local environment and economic  
5 aspect that the NRC should examine during our  
6 environmental review and what reasonable alternatives  
7 are most appropriate for the area.

8           These are just some examples of the input  
9 we're look for, and they represent the kind of  
10 information we are seeking through the environmental  
11 scoping process. Your comments today should be helpful  
12 in providing insight of this nature.

13           Through the environmental review, the NRC has  
14 established a team of staff and contractors who are  
15 experts in various fields and disciplines. This slide  
16 gives you an idea of the various areas we're looking at  
17 during the environmental review. They include  
18 terrestrial and aquatic policies, environmental justice,  
19 hydrology and radiation.

20           For license renewal review, NRC's  
21 environmental staff looks at a wide range of impact. We  
22 consult with various federal, state and local officials  
23 as well as leaders in Indian nations, gathering  
24 pertinent information from these sources ensuring that  
25 it is considered in our analysis. Examples include the

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1 Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife  
2 and State Historic Preservation Offices.

3           This slide represents the different methods  
4 for the public's scoping comments. It shows how to  
5 mail, fax and submit through the internet on  
6 regulations. The scoping comments are reviewed by  
7 December 27, 2010. In general, we are looking for  
8 information about the environmental impact from  
9 continued operation of Davis-Besse.

10           We know you are the experts in your community  
11 so your comments today will ensure a thorough review of  
12 the environmental, social and economic issues the NRC  
13 should examine during our environmental review and what  
14 reasonable alternatives are most appropriate for this  
15 region.

16           You are the primacy contacts for the NRC for  
17 the license renewals for Davis-Besse, the Project  
18 Manager, Brian Harris, and myself. If you have any  
19 questions about today's meeting, we will be around to  
20 answer questions following the meeting. If you have  
21 questions after you leave today, you're more than  
22 welcome to contact any one of us.

23           This concludes my presentation. Thank you.

24           MR. BARKLEY:    Okay, thank you.

25           The first three people I would like to call

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1 are Mark Stahl of the Ottawa City Commission, and then  
2 Jere Witt of Ottawa County, and Fred Petersen of the  
3 Ottawa County EMA.

4 If you would like to speak from this  
5 microphone, that would be fine. Go ahead and lead  
6 off.

7 MR. STAHL: Thanks, Mark.

8 Good afternoon. My name is Mark Stahl, and  
9 I'm the President of Ottawa County Commissioners.  
10 Ottawa County is successful because we surround  
11 ourselves with successful community partners, and  
12 Davis-Besse is one of those community partners, who we  
13 look very favorably upon.

14 You will hear from some the other agencies,  
15 the nonprofits, the contributions that you make back to  
16 our community helps us tremendously, and we greatly  
17 appreciate that.

18 We also as Commissioners appreciate our NRC  
19 partnership. We have had conversations with you, I  
20 know, through the years, and we appreciate those  
21 unbiased conversations that we've had in regard to  
22 Davis-Besse.

23 So, I will let these two gentlemen fill you  
24 in, but as President of the the Ottawa County  
25 Commissioners, I'm here to offer our support to you,

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1 Davis-Besse, in your application process.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. WITT: Thanks, Mark. I appreciate you  
4 putting Mark before Fred and I because he's our boss.  
5 I'm Jere Witt. Many of you know me. I'm County  
6 Administrator for Ottawa County. I've been with the  
7 County for 32 years, and ironically when I looked at the  
8 dates on there, I started with the County on July 20,  
9 1978, and I believe the plant began operating in on July  
10 31, 1978. So, we're pretty close on our birth dates  
11 there.

12 I've been involved, as I said earlier, many  
13 years with Davis-Besse and especially within the last  
14 five to ten years. I was part of the restart overview  
15 panel that worked for two years on the head issues. I  
16 got my nuclear degree during that two years. I much  
17 appreciated, and I really got a better feeling for  
18 Davis-Besse and the nuclear industry.

19 I currently serve on the Company Nuclear  
20 Review Board to ensure that Davis-Besse continues to  
21 operate safely, and there's a bunch of nuclear experts  
22 on there and then there's me, but it's easy for me to use  
23 their expertise to see if Davis-Besse operates safely,  
24 and I'm happy to say that every time we've met, we have  
25 concluded that Davis-Besse does continue to operate

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1 safely.

2 I attend and participate in the NRC quarterly  
3 exit meetings of Davis-Besse, and those have been  
4 another way for Ottawa County to keep informed on what's  
5 going on with Davis-Besse.

6 I receive many, many, many more than I really  
7 want to see daily e-mails from the plant, but the most  
8 important one is the morning e-mail that I get every  
9 morning that tells the current status of the plant and  
10 the issues that are going on, and it's an easy way for  
11 me to keep up daily. I'm kept informed by plant  
12 management. I think I get calls in the middle of the  
13 night any time there is an issue, and we appreciate that  
14 because it's showing their concern that Ottawa County is  
15 able to keep inform.

16 As Mark mentioned, we work closely with the  
17 NRC. We've been meeting with them quarterly just to  
18 bring us up to speed, hear what's going on at  
19 Davis-Besse, and get the NRC's side of that.

20 I actually have a vested interest in the  
21 plant. I own property that abuts the plant, and it's  
22 very important to me that they keep that plant operating  
23 safely. I have a cottage there that my -- when the head  
24 incident happened, my grandchildren and their mother and  
25 dad were living there, and my wife kept asking me if I

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1 knew what I was talking about, that it was safe, and I  
2 was assuring her that I did.

3           We continue to watch closely to see that the  
4 plant does operate safely. I have personally witnessed  
5 the transformation of the site personnel in the new  
6 safety culture, and they continue to maintain that  
7 culture, and I think that is one of the most important  
8 things that any nuclear power plant has to do.

9           I believe that the people who work at  
10 Davis-Besse and have witnessed how they challenge each  
11 other for safe plant operation. I don't think that was  
12 necessarily always true years ago, but today they do, in  
13 fact, and at many of my visits out there, I have  
14 witnessed how they challenge each other.

15           Many of the Davis-Besse employees live in the  
16 community and are important assets to Ottawa County. I  
17 think it's very important that the corporate structure  
18 that's been put in place to oversee the operations of  
19 Davis-Besse continue, and I think it's a good structure.

20           Davis-Besse has been a great asset to the  
21 community and are very involved in Ottawa County. We in  
22 Ottawa County will continue to watch and make sure the  
23 plant operates safely, but through my past involvement,  
24 I have no concerns for the safety of Davis-Besse.

25           We look forward to a license renewal. Ottawa

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1 County wants Davis-Besse to stay, and welcome them in  
2 the future and urge the NRC to move forward with this  
3 license renewal.

4 Thank you very much.

5 MR. BARKLEY: Thank you Jere.

6 Fred?

7 MR. PETERSEN: Thank you. My name is Fred  
8 Petersen. I'm the Director of the Ottawa County  
9 Emergency Management Agency. I've been involved in the  
10 EMA for 16 years and ten months.

11 I want to talk specifically about the Ottawa  
12 County EMA's good working relationship with Davis-Besse  
13 Power Station. Largely because of that relationship we  
14 provide a lot of benefits.

15 All of our plans and procedures are thorough  
16 and well maintained and are regularly exercised. Those  
17 exercises are conducted specifically on the radiological  
18 side biannually. So, every two years, FEMA comes in and  
19 evaluates our performance plan to keep us in compliance.

20 Over the years that I have been associated  
21 with the agency and even prior to that, we have had no  
22 significant issue on our exercises, and they perform  
23 very well.

24 Our emergency operation center and our risk  
25 management agency are generally better equipped, more

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1 well maintained and larger and larger staffed than most  
2 counties of our size throughout the State of Ohio. And,  
3 that is because of our partner.

4           We feel like we're very well prepared for  
5 anything that happens here in the county, specifically  
6 radiological rescue emergency preparedness. But, some  
7 of the things that we do on the radiological side that  
8 really benefit us are lot of spill-over benefits on  
9 preparedness work review at Davis-Besse. Those would  
10 include, we have a great relationship with our fire,  
11 EMS, law enforcement, private response orientation in  
12 the county, and that's because we regularly exercise  
13 training and work with them.

14           So, all the events that have happened in the  
15 county, we have been very successful with our response,  
16 and a lot of that is because of everything we do with  
17 Davis-Besse, and how it helps with our relationship.

18           An example of that would be the tornado this  
19 past June. Everyone that was involved had some sort of  
20 role in the radiological response program. A lot of the  
21 response procedures that we use for Davis-Besse are very  
22 applicable to some of the things that we had to do like  
23 HAZMAT.

24           The tangible things that we have is because  
25 of Davis-Besse. One of the things that is very

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1 noticeable in the county is we have county-wide siren  
2 system. A large part of that is at the Davis-Besse  
3 plant, and is available to us for any number of outdoor  
4 notifications that need to be relayed; specifically,  
5 weather, very, very important to the community.

6 We also do a brochure calendar for our  
7 particular State of Ohio, Lucas County, that goes to all  
8 of our residents and provides them a plethora of  
9 information about all types of emergency response and  
10 what they can do in response to tornadoes, floods,  
11 HAZMAT and radiological emergency.

12 So, really, all this adds up to the fact that  
13 our relationship in Ottawa County with Davis-Besse is a  
14 benefit to the residents of Ottawa County.

15 Thank you.

16 MR. BARKLEY: Thank you.

17 The next three people I would like to call  
18 are: Chris Galvin of the United Way; followed by Jackie  
19 VanTress of OPEIU, Local 19; and following, Kimberly  
20 Kaufman of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. GALVIN: I'm Chris Galvin, Director of  
23 the United Way in Ottawa County. The Davis-Besse  
24 Nuclear Power Station and on a larger scale the First  
25 Energy Corporation are a tremendous community partner to

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1 the local United Way. Since 1993, First Energy has  
2 contributed more than 13.5 Million Dollars to United Way  
3 of Greater Toledo which serves Ottawa, Wood and Lucas  
4 Counties. 3.1 Million came from corporate gifts, 10.4  
5 Million from its incredibly generous employees.

6 First Energy has also earned United Way's  
7 Pillar Award each year since at least 1992. Our data  
8 doesn't go back any further than that. It seems they  
9 consistently give more than a hundred thousand dollars  
10 each year to the Greater Toledo campaign.

11 Not only does this community consistently get  
12 solid financial support from First Energy and its  
13 employees, but executive leadership has also  
14 demonstrated exceptional personal commitment to our  
15 work.

16 In 1993, Don Saunders chaired the local  
17 United Way campaign, raising 12.5 Million Dollars.

18 In 2005, Jim Murray, now retired, but  
19 formerly First Energy President of Ohio Operations,  
20 chaired the local United Way campaign. Under Mr.  
21 Murray's leadership, the campaign raised 13.3 Million  
22 Dollars. We also presented Mr. Murray with our  
23 Prestigious Caring Award in 2006 for demonstrating value  
24 and concern for our community through vision,  
25 leadership, service and commitment to the people of our

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1 community.

2           In 2009, Trent Smith, Regional President of  
3 Toledo Edison First Energy, became chairman of the  
4 United Way of Greater Toledo's Board of Trustees and has  
5 drawn to a close on his second year of service. Mr.  
6 Smith has gone above and beyond the level of service,  
7 dedication and commitment we typically see from board  
8 chairs. He has become involved in virtually every level  
9 of our work, digging in and helping find real solutions.

10           In addition to these executive leaders,  
11 numerous upper-level management have supported United  
12 Way by using their voice and relationships to help  
13 secure financial and volunteer support as well as  
14 advocating on behalf of the United Way and the Northwest  
15 Ohio Region.

16           In addition to Don Saunders, Jim Murray and  
17 Trent Smith, some of the stand-out employees include  
18 Debbie Paul, Mike Adams, and Mel Lomack. Additionally,  
19 in the 1990's Jennifer Schreiber served five years as  
20 the chair of our community impact cabinet, the highest  
21 level of community impact volunteers who decide how  
22 money is allocated in this community. Also joining her  
23 on the cabinet was Jenny Ammadon. Both are now retired.

24           First Energy also demonstrates incredible  
25 commitment to the communities through sponsorships and/

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1 or participation in programs and events.

2 In 1993 and 1994, Davis-Besse sponsored our  
3 loaned executive program. Jim Ferris, now retired from  
4 Davis-Besse, was the loaned executive in those  
5 two years. First Energy has also sponsored loaned  
6 executives over the years, from 1996 continuing for  
7 11 years.

8 Employees consistently contribute to and  
9 participate in Stamp Out Hunger and/or Scouting for Food  
10 efforts each year. They were a major sponsor of our  
11 Family Food Fund in 2008.

12 First Energy was the sponsor of our Community  
13 Building event in 2005, and was the initiator and  
14 sponsor of the Veterans Appreciation Event in 2006,  
15 which continued until 2009.

16 Davis-Besse and First Energy are a valued  
17 community partner, both philanthropically and  
18 economically. They have been incredible contributors to  
19 our community over the past 20 years, and we only hope  
20 that this will continue for at least another 20 years.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. BARKLEY: Thank you, Chris.

23 Jackie?

24 MS. VANTRESS: Good afternoon. My name is  
25 Jackie VanTress, and I am representing OPEIU, Local 19.

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1 "OPEIU" stands for Office and Professional Employees  
2 International Union, and we represent the clerical  
3 support staff at Davis-Besse.

4           On behalf of the Union, I would like to voice  
5 our support in this public meeting. A renewal of this  
6 license will not only promote and maintain employment  
7 for our members who live and shop and send their  
8 children to school in that area, but it will also assure  
9 the delivery of reliable electric service to our  
10 customers.

11           Research has shown that nuclear power is  
12 clean, is efficient and produces more energy at a lower  
13 cost than any other means of generation. So, it is  
14 important that we keep this plant in operation.

15           Local 19 is proud of the safety record and  
16 operations at Davis-Besse as well as the work we do here  
17 and the service we provide to the public. OPEIU, Local  
18 19, would like to continue to be a part of the team for  
19 at least the next 20 years.

20           Thank you.

21           MR. BARKLEY: Thank you, Jackie.

22           MS. KAUFMAN: Good afternoon everybody. My  
23 name is Kimberly Kaufman, and I'm the Executive Director  
24 of Black Swamp Bird Observatory, and while I understand  
25 the seriousness nature of this hearing, I'm actually

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1 really pleased to have this opportunity to address this  
2 group.

3 My organization represents a somewhat unique  
4 marriage, if you will, between a conservation  
5 organization and a nuclear power plant. The general  
6 public and, of course, all of you in the room are  
7 certainly familiar with the fact that the nuclear power  
8 plant resides in this part of Ottawa County, but very  
9 few are actually aware that the power plant co-exists  
10 with the thriving marsh that just sort of forms a hub  
11 around the power plant.

12 Our organization has been conducting  
13 migratory bird regions in this area for more than  
14 20 years, and we really take pride in this marriage, and  
15 we work hard like a good spouse to maintain it.

16 The marsh represents a critical stop-over  
17 habitat for millions of migratory birds. And, in fact,  
18 many the world's leading bird experts consider this  
19 marsh to be one of the most critical areas of stop-over  
20 habitat in the entire western hemisphere.

21 The observatory in these 20 years have had  
22 the full support of First Energy and Davis-Besse to  
23 conduct this critical research and, in fact, during a  
24 very exciting tumultus time in this country's history,  
25 we were very afraid that our consistent effort meaning

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1 that seven days a week, spring and fall, during song  
2 bird migration, our research staff was out at that marsh  
3 in front of the power tank conducting this research  
4 seven days a week for more than 20 years.

5           When the tragedy occurred on 9/11, we were  
6 very concerned for, of course, the human tragedy, but  
7 also concerned that our research would be interrupted.  
8 And, in fact, Davis-Besse really fully understood the  
9 importance of this research, and the importance of  
10 conserving the integrity of the data set, and we didn't  
11 miss a single day.

12           And, perhaps nothing else, no other event in  
13 our history or recent history speaks more to how much  
14 they have said they understand the critical role that  
15 they play in local environmental and conservation issues  
16 than that event.

17           So, based on our long-standing relationship,  
18 it is our opinion the Davis-Besse and First Energy have  
19 not only worked to fully understand and fully support  
20 the environmental issues for this local community, but  
21 have also fully embraced the role that they play in all  
22 of these issues.

23           So, it is opinion of the Black Swamp Bird  
24 Observatory that the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant is  
25 a critical player in bird conservation in the entire

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