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Bitter Valentine Delivered In The Name Of Love:
Intervenors Challenge Cracked Davis-Besse

Oak Harbor, Ohio – On Valentine's Day, Intervenors at the Davis-Besse nuclear plant filed legal briefs challenging the cracked shield building containment. "While this is a bitter Valentine for FirstEnergy's Davis-Besse, it is one delivered in the name of love and respect for life," explained Kevin Kamps with Beyond Nuclear, "This is about preventing the next Fukushima."

Intervenors have filed with the Atomic Safety Licensing Board. The ASLB is moving to schedule an Oral Hearing on this Contention. There is a link to the environmental intervenors' Reply in Support of Contention 5, below.

In mid-October 2011, revelations about severe cracking in the Davis-Besse shield building on the Lake Erie shore were first made public

Today the environmental coalition opposing the 20 year extension at the problem-plagued Davis-Besse atomic reactor near Toledo defended its contention about the recently revealed severe cracking in the concrete shield building against challenges by FirstEnergy nuclear utility, as well as the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff. Terry Lodge of Toledo serves as the coalition's attorney.

One revelation the coalition exposed today is that FirstEnergy, with NRC staff complicity, kept secret from the public, and even from FirstEnergy investors, cracking in the upper 20 feet of the structure for five weeks -- until pressure by U.S. Congressman Dennis Kucinich (Democrat-Ohio) forced NRC staff to admit the truth to his staff. Kucinich made the information public the very next day, and won NRC Chairman Gregory Jackzo's support for an NRC public meeting near Davis-Besse, where FirstEnergy was forced to admit publicly for the first time the expanded extent of the problem.

The environmental coalition intervening against Davis-Besse's license extension includes Beyond Nuclear, Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario, Don't Waste Michigan, and the Green Party of Ohio.

Link to environmental coalition's defense of its cracking contention:

<http://www.beyondnuclear.org/home/2012/2/14/anti-davis-besse-coalition-defends-cracked-shield-building-c.html>

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