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Figure 5. Land Uses on the Fermi Site

Source: Reference 7

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Figure 8. Observed Locations of American Lotus on the Fermi Site

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Figure 10. Fermi Site Delineated Wetlands





Figure 12. Land Use Land Cover (2001) in the Coastal Zone of Lake Erie

Source: Reference 32 and Reference 33





Figure 14. Existing and Former Wetlands in the Coastal Zone of Lake Erie

Source: Reference 33 and Reference 36

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Figure 16. Mitigation Area Aerial Photo

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Figure 22. Mitigation Area Planting Plan

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Carbon Dioxide Footprint Estimates for a 1000-MW(e) Light Water Reactor (LWR)

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review team has estimated the carbon dioxide (CO_2) footprint of various activities associated with nuclear power plants, including building, operating, and decommissioning. The estimates include direct emissions from the nuclear facility and indirect emissions from workforce transportation and the uranium fuel cycle.

Construction equipment estimates listed in Table L-1 are based on hours of equipment use estimated for a single nuclear power plant at a site requiring a moderate amount of terrain modification. A reasonable set of emissions factors used to convert the hours of equipment use to CO_2 emissions is based on carbon monoxide (CO) emissions (UniStar 2007) scaled to CO_2 using a scaling factor of 165 tons of CO_2 per ton of CO. This scaling factor is based on emissions factors in Table 3.3-1 of AP-42 (EPA 1995). Equipment emissions estimated for decommissioning are one-half of those for construction.

Equipment	Construction Total ^(a)	Decommissioning Total ^(b)
Earthwork and dewatering	1.1 × 10 ⁴	5.4×10^{3}
Batch plant operations	3.3×10^{3}	1.6 × 10 ³
Concrete	4.0×10^{3}	2.0×10^{3}
Lifting and rigging	5.4×10^{3}	2.7×10^{3}
Shop fabrication	9.2×10^2	4.6×10^2
Warehouse operations	1.4×10^{3}	6.8×10^2
Equipment maintenance	9.6×10^{3}	4.8×10^{3}
Total ^(c)	3.5 × 10 ⁴	1.8 × 10 ⁴
(a) Based on hours of equipme	ent usage over 7-year period	l

Table L-1. Construction Equipment CO₂ Emissions (metric tons equivalent)

(b) Based on equipment usage over 10-year period.

(c) Total not equal to the sum due to rounding.

Workforce estimates are typical workforce numbers for new plant construction and operation based on estimates in various combined operating license applications; decommissioning workforce emissions estimates are based on decommissioning workforce estimates in NUREG-0586 S1, *Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities, Supplement 1 Regarding the Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors* (NRC 2002). A typical construction workforce averages about 2500 for a 7-year period with a

peak workforce of about 4000. A typical operations workforce for the 40-year life of the plant is assumed to be about 400, and the decommissioning workforce during a 10-year decontamination and dismantling period is assumed to be 200 to 400. In all cases, the daily commute is assumed to involve a 100-mi roundtrip with 2 individuals per vehicle. Considering shifts, holidays, and vacations, 1250 roundtrips per day are assumed each day of the year during construction; 200 roundtrips per day are assumed each day during operations; and 150 roundtrips per day are assumed 250 days per year for the decontamination and dismantling portion of decommissioning. If the SAFSTOR decommissioning option is included in decommissioning, 20 roundtrips each day of the year are assumed for the caretaker workforce.

Table L-2 lists the review team's estimates of the CO_2 -equivalent emissions associated with workforce transport. The table lists the assumptions used to estimate total miles traveled by each workforce and the factors used to convert total miles to metric tons CO_2 -equivalent. The CO_2 -equivalent accounts for other greenhouse gases (GHGs), such as methane and nitrous oxide, which are emitted by internal combustion engines. The workers are assumed to travel in gasoline-powered passenger vehicles (cars, trucks, vans, and sport utility vehicles) that get an average of 19.7 mi per gallon of gas (FHWA 2006). Conversion from gallons of gasoline burned to CO_2 -equivalent is based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emissions factors (EPA 2007a, b).

	Construction Workforce	Operational Workforce	Decommissioning Workforce	SAFSTOR Workforce
Roundtrips per day	1250	200	150	20
Miles per roundtrip	100	100	100	100
Days per year	365	365	250	365
Years	7	40	10	40
Miles traveled	3.2 × 10 ⁸	2.9 × 10 ⁸	3.8×10^7	2.92 × 10 ⁷
Miles per gallon ^(a)	19.7	19.7	19.7	19.7
Gallons fuel burned	1.6 × 10 ⁷	1.5 × 10 ⁷	1.9 × 10 ⁶	1.58 × 10 ⁶
Metric tons CO ₂ per gallon ^(b)	8.81 × 10 ⁻³	8.81 × 10 ⁻³	8.81 × 10 ⁻³	8.81 × 10 ⁻³
Metric tons CO ₂	1.4 × 10 ⁵	1.3 × 10 ⁵	1.7×10^4	1.3×10^4
CO ₂ -equivalent factor ^(c)	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971
Metric tons CO ₂ -equivalent	1.5 × 10 ⁵	1.3 × 10⁵	1.7×10^4	1.3×10^4
(a) FHWA (2006).				
(b) EPA (2007b).				
(c) EPA (2007a).				

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Published estimates of uranium fuel cycle CO_2 emissions required to support a nuclear power plant range from about 1 percent to about 5 percent of the CO_2 emissions from a comparably sized coal-fired plant (Sovacool 2008). A coal-fired power plant emits about 1 metric ton (MT) of CO_2 for each megawatt hour generated (Miller and Van Atten 2004). Therefore, for consistency with Table S-3 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 51.51), the NRC staff estimated the uranium fuel cycle CO_2 emissions as 0.05 MT of CO_2 per MWh generated. Finally, the review team estimated the CO_2 emissions directly related to plant operations from the typical usage of various diesel generators onsite using EPA emissions factors (EPA 1995). The review team assumed an average of 600 hr of emergency diesel generator operation per year (total for four generators) and 200 hr of station blackout diesel generator operation per year (total for two generators).

Given the various sources of CO_2 emissions discussed above, the review team estimates the total life CO_2 footprint for a reference 1000-MW(e) nuclear power plant with an 80 percent capacity factor to be about 18 million MT. The components of the footprint are summarized in Table L-3. The uranium fuel cycle component of the footprint dominates all other components. It is directly related to power generated. As a result, it is reasonable to use reactor power to scale the footprint to larger reactors.

	Activity	
	Duration	Total Emissions
Source	(years)	(metric tons)
Construction equipment	7	3.5 × 10 ⁴
Construction workforce	7	1.5 × 10⁵
Plant operations	40	1.9 × 10⁵
Operations workforce	40	1.3 × 10 ⁵
Uranium fuel cycle	40	1.7 × 10 ⁷
Decommissioning equipment	10	1.8×10^4
Decommissioning workforce	10	1.7×10^4
SAFSTOR workforce	40	1.3×10^4
Total		1.8 × 10 ⁷

Table L-3. 1000-MW(e) LWR Lifetime Carbon Dioxide Footprint

The review team considers the footprint estimated in Table L-3 to be appropriately conservative. The CO_2 emissions estimates for the dominant component (uranium fuel cycle) are based on 30-year-old enrichment technology, assuming that the energy required for enrichment is provided by coal-fired generation. Different assumptions related to the source of energy used for enrichment or the enrichment technology that would be just as reasonable could lead to a significantly reduced footprint.

Emissions estimates presented in the body of this environmental impact statement (EIS) have been scaled to values that are appropriate for the proposed project. The uranium fuel cycle

emissions have been scaled by reactor power using the scaling factor determined in Chapter 6. Plant operations emissions have been adjusted to represent the number of large CO_2 emissions sources (diesel generators, boilers, etc.) associated with the project. The workforce emissions estimates have been scaled to account for differences in workforce numbers and commuting distances. Finally, equipment emissions estimates have been scaled by estimated equipment usage. As can be seen in Table L-3, only the scaling of the uranium fuel cycle emissions estimates makes a significant difference in the total carbon footprint of the project.

Sovacool (2008) also calculated GHG emission factors during the life cycle of nuclear power plants based on the statistical analysis from 19 qualified studies examined. Estimated GHG emission factors ranged from 1.4 g CO₂-equivalent per kWh to 288 g CO₂-equivalent per kWh, with a mean value of 66 g CO₂-equivalent per kWh (equivalent to 0.066 MT of CO₂-equivalent per MWh). The emission factor of 0.05 MT of CO₂ per MWh used in this analysis is about three-fourths the mean emission factor of 0.066 MT of CO₂-equivalent per MWh but is considered comparable, considering the wide range of emission factors (0.0014 to 0.288) estimated in that study.

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The final environmental impact statement (EIS) presents integrated evaluations of potential environmental impacts from the proposed Fermi 3 facilities, organized by environmental resource. The review team's evaluation of potential environmental impacts from building and operating electrical transmission lines that may be built to serve the proposed Fermi 3 facility is found in those places in the final EIS text that address environmental resources that would be affected by the proposed transmission lines. Offsite transmission lines are not part of the Fermi 3 COL application, and any such lines would be built by ITC*Transmission* rather than Detroit Edison. Under NRC regulations in 10 CFR 50.10(a)(2)(vii), building of transmission lines is a preconstruction activity not subject to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulatory authority. However, many preconstruction activities are within the regulatory authority of local, State, or other Federal agencies, and certain preconstruction activities require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This appendix provides a brief roadmap to where in the final EIS environmental impacts from transmission lines are addressed. In the final EIS, the environmental impacts of transmission lines are primarily described in terms of the following resource areas: (1) land use, (2) terrestrial ecology, (3) aquatic ecology, (4) historical and cultural resources, and (5) nonradiological health. The proposed route for the new transmission lines is described in Section 3.2.2.3 and shown in Figure 3-8. Table M-1 lists the sections/subsections of Chapter 2 (Affected Environment), Chapter 4 (Construction Impacts at the Proposed Site), Chapter 5 (Operational Impacts at the Proposed Site), and Chapter 7 (Cumulative Impacts) that contain pertinent information related to the review team's evaluation of potential impacts from the transmission lines.

The review team considered transmission line impacts for all environmental resource areas addressed in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, not just those resources highlighted in Table M-1. However, the discussion for other resources is limited in the final EIS text because construction and operation of transmission lines have limited relevance to impacts on these resource areas.

Resource Area	Affected Environment	Construction and Preconstruction Impacts	Operations Impacts	Cumulative Impacts
Land Use	2.2.2	4.1.2	5.1.2	7.1 ^(a)
Terrestrial Ecology	2.4.1.2	4.3.1.2	5.3.1.2	7.3.1 ^(a)
Aquatic Ecology	2.4.2.2	4.3.1.2	5.3.2.2	7.3.2 ^(a)
Historic and Cultural Resources	2.7.3	4.6.2	5.6 ^(a)	7.5 ^(a)
Nonradiological Health	2.10.4	4.8.1.2 ^(a)	5.8.3, 5.8.4	7.7 ^(a)
Summaries/Conclusions	Figure 2-5,	Table 4-22,	Table 5-35,	Table 7-3 ^(b)
	Table 2-9, Table 2-63	Table 4-23	Table 5-36	

Table M-1. Sections of the EIS in Which Potential Impacts from Transmission Lines Are Discussed

(a) Only certain parts of the indicated sections are specifically focused on transmission lines.

(b) Although Table 7-3 does not specifically mention transmission lines, the conclusions presented in the table account for transmission line impacts.

In addition, the review team considered the potential impacts of building and operating transmission lines associated with the use of each of the four alternative plant sites evaluated in Sections 9.3.3, 9.3.4, 9.3.5, and 9.3.6. The final conclusions and recommendations, summarized in Chapter 10 and in Tables 10-1, 10-2, and 10-4, regarding environmental impacts for the overall Fermi 3 project also account for potential transmission line impacts.

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