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**"Pig in a Poke" Purchased by PUCO  
Ohio Ratepayer Davis-Besse Burden**

Columbus, OH -- Today the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) chained and shackled Ohio ratepayers with a burdensome "Pig in a Poke" known as Davis-Besse stated attorney Terry Lodge from Toledo.

Several major remediations and repairs are required at Davis-Besse, these are big ticket items, currently out of compliance.

The faulty Shield Building is not the only big ticket item lurking at Davis-Besse with additional hidden costs coming due including:

\*Shield Building Outside of Design Basis with Aging Management Program Review Deferred. Inspection Report [ML14132A259](#)

\*Cost of compliance with National Fire Protection Association 805 Standard which has been deferred since 2001. [ML14181B284](#) , [ML15350A314](#) (L-14-197)(L-13-388)

FirstEnergy (FENOC) after 15 years of deferrals, exemptions and stalls is now forced by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Confirmatory Action Letter [ML14181B284](#) to finally submit a plan to implement NFPA Standard 805. On December 16, 2015 FENOC / Davis-Besse submitted License Amendment Request, a plan to make a plan [ML15350A314](#) 1755 pages. Nothing has yet been implemented, the volley of delay continues with the NRC.

David Lochbaum at Union of Concerned Scientists cites NRC and industry reports admitting 50% of the risk of meltdown at atomic reactors is from fires. <http://www.ncwarn.org/2008/10/doo-doo-report-by-ucs-beyond-nuclear-nc-warn/>

\*Steam Generator Performance Evaluation pending [ML16057A865](#) (Potential failure as at San Onofre, CA which led to two permanent shutdowns of atomic reactors, a multi-billion dollar boondoggle ratepayers are being forced to pay for, even though it was the utility at fault.)

\*Adoption of Technical Specification increasing radioactive material released in liquid and gaseous effluents tenfold. [ML16041A115](#) , [ML16060A095](#) (L-16-030)

\*Cyber Security Compliance Deferred until December 31, 2017 [ML15302A075](#) (L-15-084)

\*License Amendment Request to Revise Emergency Diesel Generator Minimum Voltage Frequency Surveillance - Problems of Under Voltage [ML16006A351](#) (L-15-117)

\*License Amendment Request to Revise Containment Spray and Air Cooling Systems Inspection from ten years to "event-based frequency" [ML14365A080](#) (L-14-405)

\*License Amendment Request reducing test intervals on Containment to 84 months [ML14353A349](#) (L-14-407)

\*Buried Piping Compliance Costs Unknown [ML15196A429](#) in Supplemental Safety Evaluation Report reviewing License Renewal Request (Tac No. ME4640)

\*Request for Licensing Action to Revise the Emergency Plan [ML16049A513](#)

These required repairs will be very costly and it appears the Ohio ratepayer is now chained and shackled to the PUCO Order.

"PUCO's \$4 billion bailout to FirstEnergy will mostly go towards padding the pockets of company executives and shareholders, not to critically needed repairs of safety systems, structures, and components," said Kevin Kamps of Beyond Nuclear. "It is shocking and outrageous that Ohio ratepayers are going to be charged a large surcharge on their electricity bills, to essentially fund 20 more years of radioactive Russian roulette at Davis-Besse, despite its severely cracked containment, and multiple pathways of increasing age-related degradation risk towards reactor core meltdown," Kamps added.

PUCO Order here: <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=14-1297&x=0&y=0>