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### **Tritium Suit Filed By Property Owners Living Miles Away Without Merit**

WARRENVILLE, Ill. (March 14, 2006) – A lawsuit against Exelon filed Monday by a group of residents who live two miles from tritium spills at the Braidwood Generating Station is without merit, the company said today after its initial review of the suit.

The plaintiffs did not live near the tritium spills, and their lawsuit does not allege any direct environmental impact on their property. It does not claim that their own drinking water was contaminated by tritium or that they or anyone else suffered personal injury as a result of the spills. Nor does it claim these spills caused any exposure in excess of applicable standards.

The suit seeks class-action status but specifically excludes those owners of property directly affected by localized groundwater contamination at the Braidwood station. Exelon has worked closely with nearby property owners since discovering the tritium contamination in November 2005 and has repeatedly assured them that the company would protect them against any economic loss.

Nearly 40 drinking water wells – representing all private drinking wells in the vicinity of the tritium leak – have been tested for tritium. Only one has shown any detectable amount of tritium, at a level well within federal drinking water standards and that presents no health or radiological hazard.

“The water is safe,” Exelon Nuclear Vice President of Regulatory Affairs Thomas S. O’Neill said. “We will defend this vigorously.

“We also recognize that some plant neighbors have genuine concerns about the tritium we have detected and we are working hard to address those concerns,” O’Neill said. “We have indicated that the leaks are unacceptable and we have undertaken a system-wide inspection to make sure we have identified any other instances. We have committed to a comprehensive remediation program.”

Tritium is a naturally occurring isotope of hydrogen that emits a very low level of radiation and is found in virtually all of the earth’s water. It is produced in greater concentrations in commercial nuclear reactors and is discharged into the environment under federal operating

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permits. A spill of tritiated water more than seven years ago on top of the ground at Braidwood eventually seeped into the groundwater and created a plume of low-level contamination extending about 1,000 feet from the plant property.

Exelon has submitted an interim remediation plan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and expects to begin cleanup work in the next few weeks.

Federal regulatory agencies have established a rigorous system of radiation protection standards for tritium and other substances that are designed to protect the public. There is no evidence that the releases caused any exposures in excess of these standards.

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