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Dear Governor Barnes:

The Southern Company is currently creating a high-level radioactive waste dump outside of nuclear reactors at Plant Hatch in Baxley, GA. next to the Altamaha River. This prime agricultural site, in a flood plain, an area impacted by hurricanes and tornadoes, two counties upstream from the Golden Isles, could have radioactive waste stored in untested dry casks never before used.

The Holtec HISTAR 100 dry casks have had "testing" only through computer modeling. The company responsible for the outdoor site, Private Fuel Storage, is part of the Holtec Owners Group (HOGS) along with the Southern Company.

The nuclear waste, called "spent fuel," is still highly radioactive and will remain dangerous for hundreds of thousands of years, and will require shielding to protect workers, the public, and the environment.

The Holtec casks claim to be safe. However, the gamma radiation and some neutron radiation continuously emitted from each cask has been set at 125 millirems per hour from the sides and 80 mrems per hour off the top, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In contrast, EPA's maximum allowable dose limit to the public at the site boundary is 25 mrem per year. Plant workers will be at the greatest risk.

Although Southern states that it intends to store only Plant Hatch's waste at this outdoor site, it takes only a license amendment to change that and allow Hatch to accept waste from other nuclear facilities.

We ask you not to turn South Georgia into a nuclear waste dump. Please stop the Nuclear Regulatory Commission from approving this attempt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Adele Kushner, President

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