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Subject: Oppose Early Site Permit for Grand Gulf in Mississippi

Chief, Rules and Directives Branch  
Division of Administrative Services  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Re: Early Site Permit for new nuclear reactor at Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant, Port Gibson, Miss.

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Rules and Directives Branch USNRC

Dear NRC Administrator,

I strongly urge you to oppose the proposed expansion of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant located near Port Gibson, Miss. The permit for this plant should be denied because of site characteristics that as I understand it pose an undue risk. This facility is located on the Mississippi River in an area prone to damage from hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding. An accident or act of sabotage at this facility and its growing inventory of nuclear waste could contaminate the Mississippi River, New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico. It could be devastating to everyone downstream and downwind including seafood industries that produce economic benefits each year totaling many millions of dollars.

Not unlike other nuclear power plant sites, a major concern is inadequate emergency planning and infrastructure. Specifically though, due to the Mississippi Legislature's decision to take away \$200 million in tax revenues generated from Grand Gulf from Claiborne County and give them to other counties in the state, Claiborne County's emergency planning infrastructure is woefully underfunded to deal with the present nuclear plant - let alone a new plant. There is not adequate money available to fund the Sheriff's Department, Civil Defense or the Fire Department. There is only one fire station in the rural county, and the hospital in Port Gibson is not open 24 hours per day. The radiological emergency plan relies heavily on teachers to shelter and evacuate school children without obtaining adequately informed consent or any statutory authority. Obviously, there are significant impediments to emergency planning to safeguard area residents in case of an accident or act of terrorism at the facility.

Entergy wants another nuclear facility in the backyards of the mostly African American residents who live in Claiborne County, which is 82 percent African American. This is a clear case of environmental racism.

I urge you to deny this request for an early site permit for expansion of Grand Gulf Nuclear.

Sincerely,

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