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Re: Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant, Port Gibson, MS: Early Site Permit

Dear NRC,

As a resident of Louisiana who lives just downriver from a nuclear power facility, I am deeply aware of the problems associated with evacuation for communities located along the Mississippi. That is why I was concerned to see that Grand Gulf is proposing an expansion near Port Gibson, Miss. In addition to the inherent risks to the environment of nuclear power, including disposal of low and high-level radioactive waste, and in addition to the high cost of decommissioning nuclear facilities, I oppose this permit for the undue risk it poses to the communities in its shadow and to the residents of New Orleans in the even of a severe accident.

At a time when renewable energy is within our grasp, this proposal is a major step backward. Before NRC considers granting this preliminary permit, it should answer a number of questions:

1. What are the plans in the event of a nuclear emergency at Grand Gulf?
2. Is the infrastructure near the site adequate for sheltering or evacuating the people?
3. How would a release of radiation affect the seafood industry and agriculture in the area?
4. Will this facility affect communities of color more than other communities?
5. Would the benefits from any jobs related to the construction and operation of a second nuclear facility be fairly distributed. That is, will this project mean good jobs with good benefits to the African American residents of Claiborne County?

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This may be a siting decision now, but the considerations range far beyond geological stability and availability of plentiful cooling water. This is a decision to saddle an economically depressed county with greater risk in order to produce electricity by one of the most expensive and environmentally unsound methods that exists today.

Sincerely,

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