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Chief, Rules and Directives Branch
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I submit the following objections to the proposed expansion of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant located near Port Gibson, Miss. The 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 would contaminate the Mississippi River, New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico. It would be devastating to everyone downstream and downwind including seafood industries that produce economic benefits each year totaling many millions of dollars.

Another important concern is inadequate emergency planning and infrastructure in Claiborne County and beyond. Claiborne County's emergency planning infrastructure is woefully underfunded to deal with the present nuclear plant—let alone a new plant, because the Mississippi Legislature took away \$200 million in tax revenues generated from Grand Gulf and give it to other counties in the state. 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.

A third important concern is environmental racism. Entergy wants to dump yet another dangerous facility on the mostly African American residents who live in Claiborne County, which is 82 percent African American. The adverse impacts from this project will disproportionately impact a racial minority group with weak political and economic means to advocate on it behalf. his is a

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clear case of environmental racism. Please deny this request for an early site permit for expansion of Grand Gulf Nuclear.

A fourth concern is the need and the existence of feasible alternatives for power generation. The existing Grand Gulf facility involved significant cost overruns and there is a genuine question whether it has been a cost effective operation. Before expanding this facility further the NRC should require a compelling case of public need for additional energy generation in this service area.

Sincerely,

Reilly Morse