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**Subject:** Early Site Permit for new nuclear reactor at Grand Gulf Nuclear Power

February 9, 2004  
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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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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please put me on record as opposing the proposed expansion of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant near Port Gibson, Miss. Site parameters pose unwarranted risk. The riverine area is vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding. Terrorist sabotage or accidents could poison the Mississippi River, New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico. Damage could affect seafood industries that bring in millions of dollars of benefits to the state economy.

Planning is weak for emergencies in Claiborne County and beyond. The underfunded infrastructure can't properly cope even with the present atomic facility, never mind a new one. Money appears to be lacking for Sheriff's Department, Civil Defense or the Fire Department. There is reportedly only one county fire station and the hospital in Port Gibson is alleged not to be 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.

Claiborne County, where this dangerous facility will be dumped, is 82 percent African American, which unfortunately evokes the issue of environmental racism. There are flaws in emergency planning to safeguard area residents in case of an accident or act of terrorism at the facility.

You are respectfully requested to reject this request for an early site permit for expansion of Grand Gulf Nuclear.

Sincerely,

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