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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed expansion of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant located near Port Gibson, Miss. I oppose a permit for this plant because of site characteristics that pose an undue risk to the population of the county and the region,

While a plant like Grand Gulf may be staffed by competent people and enjoy a commendable safety record, the ugly fact of nuclear waste (48 tons produced annually at the plant) cannot go ignored. A plant official at the recent NRC environmental scoping meeting in Port Gibson stated that on site nuclear waste storage would reach capacity by 2007! To propose construction of new reactors creating even more deadly waste that will still be around thousands of years from now is not just folly, it is the height of arrogance. Most concerns aired at the meeting dealt with public safety:

- a.. Concerns about terrorism when we have what amounts to an arsenal of weapons of mass destruction sitting at Grand Gulf.
- b.. Concerns about emergency preparedness should an event occur. How can you have faith in an evacuation plan in a county where there is often no cell phone reception, there is no full service fire or police department, and the local hospital is minimally staffed?
- c.. Concerns about elevated cancer rates and the failure of state health authorities to conduct epidemiological studies of the surrounding population.

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. This is a clear case of environmental racism. There are significant impediments to emergency planning to safeguard area residents in case of an accident or an act of terrorism at the facility. Please deny this request for an early site permit for expansion of Grand Gulf Nuclear.

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Sincerely,

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