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This is in regard to Entergy's plan to file for an Early Site Permit for a new nuclear reactor at Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant, Port Gibson, Miss.

Dear Chief:

I want to express my strong 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. This facility is located on the Mississippi River in an area vulnerable to serious damage from hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding.

An accident or act of terrorism 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 Louisiana's seafood industries that produce economic benefits each year totaling many millions of dollars.

One primary concern is inadequate emergency planning and infrastructure in Claiborne County and beyond. Due to the Mississippi Legislature's decision to take away \$200 million in tax revenues generated from Grand Gulf 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 enough money 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 24/7. The radiological emergency plan relies heavily on teachers to shelter and evacuate school children without obtaining adequately informed consent or any statutory authority.

Entergy wants to dump yet another dangerous facility on the mostly African American residents, living in Claiborne County, which is over 80% 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 act of terrorism at the facility. Please deny this request for an early site permit for expansion of Grand Gulf Nuclear.

Sincerely,

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