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Subject: No Nuclear Power Plants need be applied for!

>February 11, 2004
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>Chief, Rules and Directives Branch
>Division of Administrative Services
>Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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>Re: Early Site Permit for new nuclear reactor at Grand Gulf Nuclear
>Power Plant, Port Gibson, Miss.
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>Dear Sir\Madam,

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>I oppose the proposed expansion of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power
>Plant located near Port Gibson, Miss. I oppose a permit for this
>plant because its site characteristics pose an undue risk. This
>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 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 seafood industries that
>produce economic benefits each year totaling many millions of dollars.

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>One of my major concerns about your permitting this nuclear power
>plant 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 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.

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>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 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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