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Subject: Grand Gulf Power Plant Early Site Permit

Chief, Rules and Directives Branch
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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, MS. I oppose issuing a permit for this plant.

The facility is located on the Mississippi River in an area subject to damage from numerous natural events. It is also near an unprotected area of the River that would allow easy access for terrorists, particularly from a boat or barge.

An accident or act of sabotage at this facility and its stored nuclear waste could contaminate the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. This would be disastrous to the communities downstream that depend on the River for drinking water. Also, the extensive industrial corridor between Baton Rouge and New Orleans depends on the River water for processing. These industries would have to be shut down and shipping on the MS River curtailed. Contamination of vital wetlands that provide 'nurseries' for larval and other developmental stages of fish, shrimp, oysters, etc., could devastate the seafood industry. Additionally, the tourist industries in Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas would be affected. We are talking potentially billions of dollars and innumerable lives lost or changed because of an accident at this plant.

I am also concerned about the inadequate emergency planning and infrastructure in Claiborne County and beyond. Claiborne County's emergency planning infrastructure is too under-funded to deal with the present nuclear plant-let alone a new plant.

According to Entergy, energy from the plant is not needed at this time. I believe the Site Permit should be denied because there are more viable alternatives to nuclear power and that the money spent on nuclear issues would better be spent developing these alternatives and in promoting energy conservation in the state.

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Also, since there is nowhere in the country to dispose of, or better yet, recycle highly toxic, long-lived nuclear wastes, I believe that no permits should be granted for future nuclear power plants.

Please deny this request for an early site permit for the expansion of Grand Gulf Nuclear.

Sincerely,

Tom Pullen