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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a citizen living at the downstream end of the Mississippi River, I would like to express my concerns and objections to the proposed expansion of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant located near Port Gibson, Miss. There are several characteristics of the site that pose an undue risk to the human and ecological communities surrounding the site, in addition to those downstream.

Because this facility is located on the Mississippi River in an area prone to hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding, an accident caused by natural disaster would be a very real possibility. Other human-induced accidents could yield similar results. Malfunctions of equipment and/or employee negligence causing accidents could be disastrous. Acts of sabotage would be of concern as well, especially in this time of heightened aggressive activities. Any of the aforementioned problems/accidents at this facility with its growing inventory of nuclear waste could contaminate the river and all points down-stream from the facility.

An increased threat to human health is not the only serious risk that this facility will pose, it can also be devastating economically. If the environment becomes contaminated, we can lose the very foundation upon which we depend for sustenance. Most areas along the river are agricultural, supplying the nation with food crops for human consumption and animal feed. Those crops not directly consumed by people will eventually be consumed through the foodweb. Other industries such as gaming (hunting and fishing) and seafood harvest could be destroyed. Economic collapse would be inevitable and billions of dollars lost.

Another major concern is that of inadequate emergency planning and infrastructure in Claiborne County and beyond. Claiborne County's emergency planning infrastructure is woefully under funded and currently, the county cannot even support the present nuclear plant, let alone a new facility. 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. There are significant impediments to emergency planning, thus providing no safeguard to area residents in case of an accident or act of terrorism. Citizens are already at risk for the potential dangers mentioned earlier in this letter. Please deny this request for an early site permit for expansion of Grand Gulf Nuclear and alleviate the possibility of compounding those risks.

Sincerely,
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