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

Dear Chief,

I write in opposition to the proposed expansion of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant located near Port Gibson, Miss. The Mississippi River location is insane! The spot is vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding–even more so with rapid loss of wetlands and barrier islands. An accident or act of terroism at this facility and its nuclear waste sites 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.

New Orleans has no evacuation plan for hurricanes. What's the point? There's no way out! If the area can't handle mother nature, how are we suddenly going to become savvy in emergency planning and infrastructure compensation in case of a nuclear power plant breakdown? Claiborne County in Mississippi, the site of the plant, lost $200 million in tax revenues generated from Grand Gulf due to a state legislative redistribution. The County is underfunded to deal with the present nuclear plant-let alone a new plant. There is only one fire station in the county! Not only is the proposal life-threatening to the community, it is socially irresponsible as well. 82 percent of it population is African American. This is a clear case of environmental racism.

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

Sincerely,
Christine Murphey, MSW

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