

April 19, 2005

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SUBJECT: DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE GRAND GULF EARLY
SITE PERMIT APPLICATION

Dear Sir or Madam:

On April 7, 2005, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued its draft safety evaluation report (DSER) for the application by System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI) for an early site permit (ESP) for a site designated by SERI as the Grand Gulf ESP site. We are enclosing a CD-ROM copy of this document for your information.

The DSER provides information to stakeholders regarding the status of completion of the staff's review of safety aspects of SERI's ESP application and the remaining information needed for issuance of the final SER (FSER). Because the DSER contains open items (subjects for which SERI has been requested to provide additional information), the NRC staff has not made a decision regarding whether to recommend to the Commission that an ESP be issued for the Grand Gulf ESP site. After reviewing SERI's responses to the open items in the DSER, the NRC staff expects to complete its review and issue the FSER in October 2005.

At the time the DSER was issued, NRC informed SERI that it would withhold the DSER from public disclosure for 14 calendar days to allow SERI the opportunity to verify the NRC staff's conclusion that the DSER does not contain proprietary or sensitive information that should be withheld from public release in accordance with NRC regulations. SERI has not identified any such information in the DSER, so the staff has made the DSER available for public inspection on the NRC's public web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/esp/grand-gulf.html>. In addition, the document is available through the NRC's Public Document Room and the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of ADAMS, the NRC's document management system. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). The ADAMS accession number for the DSER is ML050910331.

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Please contact Raj Anand, the NRC's project manager for review of the Grand Gulf ESP application, at (301) 415-1146 (rka@nrc.gov) if you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, or if you have any trouble using the CD-ROM.

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