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Dear NRC representative(s):

I strongly oppose the building of a second reactor at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant in Claiborne County, Mississippi. I am well aware of the pros and cons of nuclear energy. It definitely appears that the potential negative impacts of building a second reactor in this area outweigh the positives.

Claiborne county has higher than average poverty levels. The additional reactor would certainly provide more jobs to this impoverished area, but at a great cost. The money made could easily vanish to high medical bills later in life as the result of possible radiation exposue.

The local communities simply don't have anywhere near the needed resources to cope with any disaster that may occur. Claiborne county has been designated as a "health professional shortage area" by The Mississippi State Department of Health Office of Science (<http://www.health.ms.gov/county/Claiborne.pdf>)

What will happen with the inevitable radioactive waste products? It will be around for many, many lifetimes.

With Grand Gulf so near the Mississippi river, a disaster could spell doom for coastal residents, tourism, and livelihoods.

As a Mississippian, I oppose the construction of additional nuclear reactors in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

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