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Dear Sir:

I am a Louisiana native, and oppose the proposed siting of the next Grand Gulf nuclear power plant in Port Gibson, Mississippi. This siting's permitting and licensing process has been handled with as little public input and comment as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been able to get away with.

Your hearing in Mississippi was set up at a time and place when most prospective intervenors and concerned citizens would be unable to make the hearing, or would have to take time away from work and family to come in and testify. Many concerned residents of Louisiana, Mississippi, and surrounding areas had to stay in Mississippi at least overnight on July 5th, in order to attend the hearing and testify, and return home the next day.

Louisiana and Mississippi residents already have three nuclear power plants between them: River Bend, Waterford III, and Grand Gulf. Your agency's attempting to streamline the permitting and licensing process for this next nuclear power plant by curtailing public comment, by those who will be the most affected by this plant's operation, is unacceptable, and your decision to concentrate your permitting and licensing process in Washington, DC, puts any meaningful input into these decisions effectively out of reach for those who are unable to come to Washington, DC, due to their family or work responsibilities.

These nuclear power plants are no "cleaner" now, than they were decades ago. They still emit radiation, and the proposed waste disposal ideas leave highly radioactive fuel rods buried either underground or in giant pools, both of which are usually unguarded. These plants are easy targets for terrorists or thieves who can walk in through an unlocked gate, take the nuclear waste or fuel rods they need, and leave, without being either stopped or questioned by guards.

This nuclear power plant should not be permitted, sited, or licensed, unless and until the NRC can effectively address the security concerns posed by these plants, the problems with nuclear power's radioactive waste, and the agency's dismissive attitude towards those people whose lives will be the most adversely affected by this plant, and who have little political clout in keeping one of these plants out of their communities.

Sincerely,

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