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Rules and Directives Bran Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

I oppose Entergy's application for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Grand Gulf nuclear plant in Claiborne County, Mississippi. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), is incomplete and sloppy. I'm sick of the "risk assessment" mentality. Nuclear plants are dangerous.

As always, here is environmental racism, with the EIS acknowledgement of a high concentration of minority and low-income persons around Grand Gulf.

The "minimal negative and disproportionate health impacts on minority and low-income members of the public" is too much, besides which the danger of a nuclear accident isn't even addressed.

Economic development is no excuse for this either, since, according to findings in the draft EIS, it is "not clear whether Claiborne County would receive property taxes, sales, and use taxes, or other taxes and public monies commensurate with the costs of its additional emergency management and public services obligations. The net financial burden may fall on local residents and taxpayers, most of whom are minority and low-income persons."

Local officials have testified to the fact that an additional reactor could overburden their already insufficient emergency preparedness resources.

Nuclear energy is too risky for everyone. Storage of the radioactive waste is another whole can of worms. Nuclear power plants have known vulnerabilities to terrorist attack and sabotage. According to the 9/11 Commission Report, al Qaeda specifically discussed targeting U.S. nuclear plants. Fuel storage pools, dry storage facilities, and reactor control rooms are not designed to withstand the type attack that occurred on September 11, 2001. Ignoring the threat because it is "highly speculative" does not make the threat go away, and indicates one shortfall of using an exclusively risk-based approach—especially considering Grand Gulf's location on the Mississippi River, which could make it an attractive strategic target. An analysis in the draft EIS of the suitability of the site to place the reactor containment below-grade level

should be done, which would require an in-depth analysis of geological and hydrological conditions at the site.

Big business gets what big business wants, so I really don't expect either of my elected representatives to do the right thing, but this is how I feel.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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