

JUNE 19, 2008
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION MEETING
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

I am A.C. Garner, retired citizen of Claiborne County. I am a life long resident of this county; I also own property here, matter of fact some property about one mile from Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. I served as Director of the Emergency Management Center for about fifteen years; I was there when the plant went on line some twenty-three years ago. I have watched things in this county and around Grand Gulf Nuclear Station deteriorate for several years.

It all started when M.P & .L. and the State of Mississippi decided to split tax money that was rightfully Claiborne County's money. The money was sent to some forty-five other counties, at that time Claiborne County received about 16 million each year. All monies were placed in an escrow account and when the bill was passed by the Mississippi Legislature, the money remained in the hands of the State of Mississippi. Since that time I have watched the first respondent, department and agencies not have what they need to respond in case of an accident or an incident around Grand Gulf Nuclear Station.

In 1986 Claiborne County received 16 million from Grand Gulf now the county only received only 8 million each year. Now Claiborne County can not afford to do upkeep on its Emergency Operation Center, they are presently operating out of a fabricated building. The only hospital in this county is in need of emergency repairs. At first we had five fire stations opened in this county operating 24 hours per day, now we can only afford one, also law enforcement is short at all times; one of the reasons is because money is not available to pay decent salaries.

We have concerns about something that is taking place around Grand Gulf; we have questions about Emergency Response in protecting the citizens and their properties. We call on you, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Federal Emergency Management, The State of Mississippi, by all means the Mississippi Legislature to do something about returning the tax dollars to Claiborne County.

Political Action Committee of the Claiborne County NAACP
A.C. Garner, Chairman

