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**RE: Federal Register: May 30, 2008 (Volume 73, Number 105), pages 31153-31154  
Docket No. 52-024**

Dear Sir/Madam:

During a Public Scoping Meeting held in Port Gibson, Mississippi on June 19, 2008, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors learned that Entergy has submitted an application for a combined license for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 3 on February 27, 2008.

Because Jefferson County is within the 10 mile plume exposure pathway of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant and a primary evacuation route (Highway 61) traverses Jefferson County, we have consistently asked to be included in meetings, public hearings, etc. as it relates to Grand Gulf. Our first request to be notified of meetings, public hearings, etc., was made at a public hearing in Port Gibson on June 28, 2005. At that time, the names and addresses of all contacts were included. Because we were not notified of the hearing on June 19, 2008, we were not prepared to make public comments. However, we do thank you for this opportunity to submit comments at this time.

We are under the assumption that because a new application was submitted on February 27, 2008, a new licensing process has begun. Therefore, we are including with these comments, a brief prepared at our request by the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University and submitted at the public hearing on June 25, 2005. Also find enclosed An Economic Analysis Study prepared for Jefferson and Claiborne Counties.

As stated by Mr. Ray Perryman, representing the Board of Supervisors, in the public hearing on June 28, 2005, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors recognizes the important impact that is associated with locating a new, advanced technology nuclear power plant in this area. All elected leaders appreciate the economic impact and job creation opportunities that are created for our citizens. We recognize the exemplary safety tract record of Grand Gulf, Entergy, and System Energy Resources. As there are positive economic opportunities associated with the

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expansion of Grand Gulf, there are also potential negative externalities that all elected representatives of the public must consider since our first obligation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens.

The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Jefferson County are concerned about the adequacy of emergency response planning in the vicinity of the nuclear reactor and want to assure that offsite radiological emergency planning is effective and can be fully implemented in a timely and coordinated manner during emergency events.

Of particular concern to us is the need to aggressively engage our citizens in emergency planning, the need for effective warning devices in our population centers, and the need for interoperable communication between local first responders. To ensure the safety and welfare of our community, there is a need for emergency warning sirens to be located in populated areas; communication devices that will enable all emergency first responders to communicate on the same frequency in the event of an emergency; and assuming a plume moving in a northerly direction, then evacuation routes would be southerly from Grand Gulf (directly through Jefferson County). The regulations, as I understand them, place the responsibility for this emergency response directly on the shoulders of Entergy, and not on the community.

Obviously, it is not anyone's intent to obstruct the expansion of the Grand Gulf facility – only to assure that the safety and welfare of the citizens of Jefferson County and surrounding area are protected.

We are still concerned that Jefferson County has not been actively involved in participating in the radiological emergency planning activities. For that reason, I am requesting that the following individuals from Jefferson County be added to the mailing distribution list for the Grand Gulf Unit 3 Project, to ensure that we receive proper notice, that representatives from Jefferson County are fully engaged in this process, and have the opportunity to actively participate. These individuals are:

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If you should have any questions concerning this request, please feel free to contact me at (601) 786-1534. We appreciate the opportunity to address these issues and look forward to a working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trent L. Hudson, Sr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the left and a diagonal slash at the end.

Trent L. Hudson, Sr., President

Enclosures

xc: The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson  
Congressman – 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District