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Hello,

Expanding Plant Vogtle is unwise, wasteful, and unneeded. Allowing two additional nuclear reactors to be built would result in removing some forty million gallons a day from the already over-stressed Savannah River. A combination of population growth, mismanagement, and drought have compromised the quality of the river's water quality and flow. Installing the reactors at Vogtle would cause unacceptable damage to this important source of water that is so vital to the citizens of both Georgia and South Carolina.

Wasting water at Plant Vogtle is especially unjustified because there are safe, clean, and renewable energy alternatives that do not compete for critically needed fresh water – including wind, solar, and tidal power sources. Recent Georgia Tech study has shown that offshore wind power in Georgia has great potential, and the climate is well suited for making good use of solar energy. Not only is tapping these renewable energy sources more environmentally responsible, but it will cost consumers far less to use them and, unlike nuclear power, they would pose no risks to public health. Georgia's water resources are best used to sustain our quality of life, outdoor recreation, and wildlife. For these reasons we strongly oppose the early site permit for the new reactors at Plant Vogtle.

I oppose expansion of nuclear reactors at Plant Vogtle.

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