



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 50-416
50-417

Mr. Thomas Sheckells
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S. W.
Room 537, West Tower
Washington, D. C. 20460



Dear Mr. Sheckells:

I am pleased to provide the Environmental Protection Agency with copies of the Draft Environmental Statement (NUREG-0777), prepared by the Commission's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation on environmental considerations under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 relating to the operation of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2.

This Draft Environmental Statement was prepared in accordance with the statement of general policy and procedure on implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as set forth in the Commission's regulations, 10 CFR Part 51. A notice of availability of the statement and request for comments from interested persons is being sent to the Office of the Federal Register for filing and publication (copy enclosed). A request for comments also is being sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies.

After receipt of the comments from Federal, State and local agencies, we shall prepare a Final Environmental Statement including, where appropriate, a discussion of any problems or objections raised and the disposition thereof, and forward copies of the statement to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sincerely,

A. Schwencer, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 2
Division of Licensing

Enclosures:

1. NUREG-0777
2. Federal Register Notice

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT FOR
THE GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Environmental Statement (NUREG-0777) related to the operation of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, by the Mississippi Power & Light Company, has been prepared by the Commission's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. The Grand Gulf Nuclear Station is located on the Mississippi River in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

The Draft Environmental Statement is available for inspection by the public in the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20555, and at the Hinds Jr. College, George M. McLendor Library, Raymond, Mississippi 39154. The Draft Environmental Statement is also being made available at the State Clearinghouse, Coordinator Federal-State Programs, Office of the Governor, 1503 Sillers Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, and the Southwest Mississippi Planning and Development District, Post Office Box 636, Meadville, Mississippi 39653. Requests for copies of NUREG-0777 should be addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Technical Information and Document Control.

Pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51, interested persons may submit comments on this Statement for the Commission's consideration. Federal, State and specified local agencies are being provided with copies of the Draft Environmental Statement (local agencies may obtain these documents upon request).

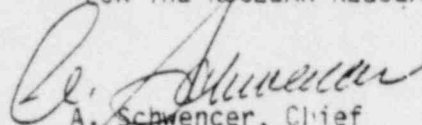
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Comments by Federal, State and local officials, or other members of the public received by the Commission will be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room in Washington, D. C., and at the Hinds Jr. College, George M. McLender Library. Upon consideration of comments submitted with respect to the Draft Environmental Statement, NUREG-0777, the Commission's staff will prepare a Final Environmental Statement, the availability of which will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Comments are due by July 27, 1981.

Comments on the Draft Environmental Statement from interested members of the public should be addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 4th day of June 1981.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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