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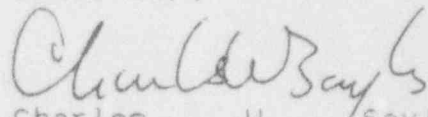
Subject: Claiborne Enrichment Center
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

As a licensed professional chemical engineer I have reviewed key sections of the NRC's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) of the Claiborne Enrichment Center (CEC). It is my opinion that projected releases of radioactive, hazardous, and mixed waste pose no threat to the local environment of Claiborne Parish or surrounding parishes.

I believe that construction and operation of the CEC will assure that the United States places a role in the providing of electrical power not only to the United States but to other countries that may use this facility for the enrichment of their nuclear fuel.

I urge the Commission accept the DEIS and approve this project.

Sincerely,


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