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Sir:

After reading the abstract of the DEIS for the Claiborne Enrichment Center, I have concluded that the center would be good for Claiborne Parish, the environment and the nation. Eventually, the country must wake up to the fact that if we are to be competitive and environmentally safe, a majority of our fuels must be produced in facilities just like this one. A secondary reason would be to minimize our dependance on foreign oil. How quickly we forget about the gas lines of the past decades.

Nuclear power must work in harmony with other sources of electrical energy to keep our country power self sustaining. It must also be used to minimize our negative impact on the global environment. It is my hope that someday these "anti-nukes at any cost" will decide to take the time to learn the facts about energy production rather than just spouting lines.

As an engineer working in the power generation industry, I ask you to please give the go ahead to build the Claiborne Parish facility.

Respectfully,

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