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Mr. Harold R. Denton
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Denton:

I am pleased to hear that you are planning to investigate the safety of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant. Many of us here in Mississippi have long been concerned about the safety of this plant. Yet our concerns have not been seriously considered. We have been whistling in the wind, so to speak, when trying to speak out against well-financed interests that have much more success in publicizing their position: the safe and necessary energy future, of which Grand Gulf is the harbinger, that we, as intractable obstructionists, will not accept.

It has been difficult in the face of the money which Mississippi Power & Light devotes to promoting its position and the powerful, sympathetic business community which supports it to have the questions about Grand Gulf's safety properly considered. Such work as you are presently doing is our last best hope to avert a disaster which may be in the making. It is now the eleventh hour. I hope that you will see that all due care is taken to investigate this power plant.

Many people take the attitude that the plant is complete and, if mistakes were made, it is too late to go back and undo them. I think that this perspective is wrong. We have a right to see that our safety is properly taken into account. I trust that you will not succumb to any pressures which might be put on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to allow Grand Gulf to operate before it has been established that the power plant meets the criteria which have been set as the basis of safe operations.

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I am more grateful than words can express to know that someone is taking action at a time when it appears that there is nothing which will avert the potential disaster which may occur should Grand Gulf operate as currently planned. A thousand thanks are due you.

Sincerely yours

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