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I am writing to OPPOSE Entergy's application for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Grand Gulf nuclear plant in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

A new reactor could unfairly burden minorities and low-income populations, which have a disproportionately high representation in Claiborne County. The draft EIS acknowledges the high concentration of minority and low-income persons around Grand Gulf and considers the possibility that a new reactor may not provide an economic benefit to the community, but ultimately concludes that operation of a new reactor would produce only "minimal negative and disproportionate health impacts on minority and low-income members of the public." Such a conclusion does not consider the increased risk of adverse health impacts from a nuclear accident at Grand Gulf that would be endured by the nearby residents were an additional reactor constructed.

The draft EIS fails to evaluate the environmental impacts and security threat of indefinitely storing the additional irradiated fuel that would be generated by the proposed additional nuclear unit onsite. Yucca Mountain in Nevada is far from a done deal. Numerous scientific questions remain about whether the site can safely store waste and recently a scandal has erupted over the possible falsification of scientific studies used to justify the geologic suitability of the site. The environmental impacts of indefinite storage must be thoroughly evaluated in the final EIS.

Ttoo many questions remain to conclude that more nuclear power at Grand Gulf offers a benefit to Port Gibson, the state of Mississippi, or this country.

Sincerely,

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