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Response
Nuclear Site in Question
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The serious question that has to be addressed today, should Claiborne County accept one more nuclear power plant?

Entergy is requesting an early site permit pending with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to build the second reactor for its Grand Gulf Nuclear Station.

My understanding Entergy has stated the second reactor would increase its customer base in Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas, and would decrease the rising cost of natural gas and create new jobs in this community.

As a Citizen in Claiborne County, I believe before we can move forward, there is an issue that must be addressed.

The current Nuclear Power Plant resides in Claiborne County, therefore the initial tax dollars must be brought back to the people of this County. Mr. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission help us amend this piece of illegal legislation.

This question cannot be over looked and it must be addressed before we can move forward Mr. NRC. I submit to you, "Where have you heard of a property residing in a particular county share its tax base with 45 other servicing Counties?" I say to you, "It had never been done in the History of the U.S. Claiborne County had been singled out."

Then the Argument can be made, since we have over 30 + Casinos in the State of Mississippi, then we shall introduce a Bill to Share their Revenues.

I'm not proposing nor advocating that, I'm simply using that as an illustration of how ludicrous for this to have happened to Claiborne County. And that, it was done deliberate and unknowingly to the Constituency of this majority Black community.

The ultimate Judge sits high and looks below. My point, who would have thought we would have had a 9-1-1? Come on folk this is America. Who would have thought Katrina would have created all the havoc?

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The bottom line, America is not as safe as it use to be and we should stop pretending we are the Police of the World. There are other Countries at the top of their game too.

You say this current Nuclear Power Plant is safe? I made a call to the State Health Department, several years ago, I was told by Dr. Thompson, State Health Official, it was not Cancer the number one killer in Claiborne County but it was Heart Disease. What prompted me to check, several children from the Hermanville community in Claiborne County became diagnosed with Cancer and eventually died. For sometime, I began to think, only Blacks were being struck down with Cancer, until one day, I ran into a female Caucasian at the Post Office. I asked her, "Girl, why did you cut off all that Pretty long hair?" She responded, "I'm going to chemo. "Guess what, I'm really convinced, something is going on."

Most people would share the following concerns:

The risk factor of going to war and becoming a major target/especially with the proposal of a second reactor.

The health factor /the belief cancer is on the rise with no supporting data.

A commitment for jobs/training for this community (most people commute/live in other communities).

Introduce a new piece of Legislation to correct the wrong that has been done to Claiborne County.