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Dear Administrators:

Re: William States Lee Nuclear Station

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I wish to comment on the draft environmental impact statement for the Lee plant stated above.

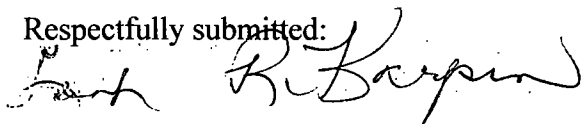
The most important point in opposition to this plant is the lesson of the Fukushima nuclear plant in Japan. The people in Japan are telling us, "No more nuclear plants." The danger is too great.

If we need more reasons, there are plenty.

1. Nuclear power is inherently dangerous. Radiation exposure damages reproductive cells and the immune system. **There is no safe level of radiation.**
2. Water problem: The plant would use 47 million gallons of water a day with 75% loss through evaporation. Eventually the river would become overused and drought could occur.
3. Cost: The price tag for the 2 nuclear reactors now stands at \$14 billion; and could rise further. Duke Power wants customers to pay this. Federal loan guarantees? The default rate is high. Is this where the U.S. should spend its monetary resources when we have so many other needs for infrastructure, housing, environmental protection?
4. Uranium mining: Miners have contracted lung diseases and cancer from this activity. Should we endanger people's lives this way--when alternative energy usages are cheaper and readily available?
5. Nuclear waste: No one has yet figured out how safely to dispose of such waste. Enough said. Another reason this project is wholly unacceptable

I ask you carefully to consider the views of the public, who essentially are the government.

Respectfully submitted:



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