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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. A. Schwencer
Chief, Licensing Branch No. 2
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555



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Dear Mr. Schwencer:

I refer to your letter of 4 June 1981 to Mr. Bruce Barrett of the U. S. Department of Commerce, along with the distribution list and Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Statement (DES) related to the operation of Units 1 and 2 of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, located in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

We have previously reviewed the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) related to the construction of Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 (Final EIS dated August 1973) prepared by the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Directorate of Licensing. Our comments concerning compliance with Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 3 March 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act were provided in our letter dated 7 June 1973. A Department of the Army permit has been issued for features of the project requiring authorization under these statutes, namely, the barge slip and haul road adjacent to the Mississippi River and Gin and Hamilton Lakes.

We have reviewed the DES relating to the issuance of operating licenses to Mississippi Power and Light Company, Middle South Energy, Inc., and South Mississippi Electric Power Association for start up and operation of the nuclear facility. We find that it adequately evaluates the impacts of operational aspects as they relate to matters of Corps of Engineers jurisdiction by law or special expertise.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on this document.

Sincerely,

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