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U.S. Department of Energy
Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Please include your name and address so that we can add you to our mailing list if you would like to receive subsequent information on the project. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your comments.

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Deadline to Submit Comments:
October 28, 2005

What potential environmental issues and impacts should be analyzed in this Environmental Impact Statement? Are there any alternatives to the proposed action that the Environmental Impact Statement should consider? (Please be as specific as possible)

We attended your department's Public Scoping Meeting October 18, 2005, in Jackson, Mississippi.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: LAND USE AND DOME USE--We ask that someone in the United States government look at our Richton salt dome as a TOTAL developmental entity and insist that the location of any thing that uses this phenomenal geological asset would be placed in one end of the dome and allow for future additional uses in the middle and on the opposite end. Please do not put the first development in the dome in a location that would prevent total and best use of the entire dome. We encourage those analyzing the dome usage to "think outside the box" for use of the salt dome: i.e., can caverns be developed for long-term storage of governmental records like social security records? We understand that a cavern would be at a constant temperature and dry--fires, floods, hurricanes, tsunamis would have no effect as we are over 150 feet above sea level in this area.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: WATER RESOURCES--We would like to propose that instead of pulling fresh water from the Leaf River that the same

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procedure of pumping salt water from the Gulf to the dome then returning same as heavy brine to the Gulf of Mexico be utilized with no or little effect on the Leaf River and Leaf River Basin which is used for recreational and industrial purposes currently. The water levels fluctuate considerably during different seasons of the year in the Leaf River.

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Comments may be submitted at a public meeting or mailed to:

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