

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
SITE SELECTION FOR STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE EXPANSION
CLAIBORNE COUNTY MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

**Mr. James Miller
Claiborne County Board of Supervisors**

Good evening. I was reluctant to say anything, but when your boss-man tells you to get up and say something, you've got to go.

But I will say this, I'm saying this from my heart, really, this project is very unique. And I think most of the -- you've heard the old phraseology: Think globally and act locally. So I think what we are at this point in time is at a crossroads in terms of Claiborne County again stepping out front, being on the cutting edge of doing something that will not just affect Claiborne County but will affect this state and this nation. And I think that this whole process is one that we can look forward to as an economic development tool to our community.

The Claiborne County Board of Supervisors, by way of the president, also wanted me to express here tonight --unfortunately he could not be here because his wife's having surgery. But he wanted me to express his points of view, and he wanted me to say very candidly that the Board of Supervisors will do whatever is necessary to support this project. Claiborne County, it seems to me, will be one of the counties that will hopefully land the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant, which will again speak to the energy needs of our state and our nation. This petroleum reserve will speak also to the energy needs of our state and our nation.

Again, I think Claiborne County will be on the cutting edge of doing something that's very unique, and I think this board will do anything and everything it can to support this project.

My name is James Miller, and I serve as a county administrator for Claiborne County.