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Mr. Donald Silawsky  
Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-47)  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585-0301

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
Expansion of Strategic Petroleum Reserve  
Bruinsburg, Claiborne County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Silawsky:

As stated in our letter dated December 14, 2005, the Claiborne County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of the Department of Energy to expand our nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). The Energy Policy Act of 2005 set out a number of initiatives to address this country's present dependency. The expansion of the SPR is one of these positive responses.

The Bruinsburg site here in Claiborne County is well suited for emergency distribution to the middle USA refineries using not only the capline pipeline but the Mississippi River as well. The Bruinsburg site also appears to have substantial merit for the 160-million barrel expansion site or the 80-million barrel expansion set out in the Department of Energy's options for expansion.

With the expected multi-million dollar investment, several hundred construction jobs and high payment permanent jobs to be created, coupled with the limited impact on the environment as outlined in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, this board continues to support the efforts of Governor Haley Barbour and our congressional delegation in selecting Bruinsburg as a potential site to expand the United States Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Sincerely,

Charles Shorts  
President

Cc: The Honorable Haley Barbour  
The Honorable Chip Pickering

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