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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: Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve  
Claiborne County (Bruinsburg), Mississippi

Dear Mr. Silawsky:

Members of the Claiborne County Board of Supervisors and numerous residents attended the recent public meeting by the Department of Energy on the site selection for Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPS) Expansion bare in Port Gibson. Based on the PowerPoint Presentation, handouts, and questions asked and answered by staff of the Department of Energy this board supports the efforts in considering Claiborne County as a location to expand our nations Strategic Petroleum Reserve storage capacity.

The board of supervisors did not make this decision without weighting the pros and cons of this project and its potential impact on Claiborne County and its residents. With the expected multi-year construction, several hundred construction jobs, high paying full time jobs, multi-million dollar investment and no expected adverse environmental impact this board *applauds* the efforts of Governer Haley Barbour Department of Energy to expand the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Sincerely,

Charles Shorts  
President

Cc: The Honorable Haley Barbour  
Governor of the Great State of Mississippi

Congressman Chip Pickering  
U.S. Congress

Mr. Leland Speed, Director  
Mississippi Development Authority