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Greetings,

I am writing in opposition to Duke Energy's license application for William States Lee Nuclear power plant in Gaffney, S.C.

The proposed plant would ^{use} a new design that has not yet been built, so it has not been tested and its liabilities have not as yet been evaluated. Even so, not only massive taxpayer funds are required to ensure the billions of dollars necessary to proceed with initiation and completion of these reactors. Furthermore Duke Energy seeks even more funding from rate-payers, in advance. This is because the proposal is so financially uncertain that Duke can neither fund it without such subsidies, nor will the banking industry or Wall Street invest in it.

Risks do not just emerge from financial issues, health dangers exist during every phase of the nuclear power cycle from mining; where workers & indigenous people experience cancer, the processing of uranium ore poses risks; the operation of nuclear reactors as has again been evidenced as at Fukushima, and the permanently insoluble problem of waste management.

I am opposed to construction of the Lee Reactors, as I am to any new U.S. reactors
Sincerely,
Lewis E. Patrie, M.D.