

Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources

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DOMENICI STATEMENT ON SECOND EARLY SITE PERMIT FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

WASHINGTON – In response to the issuance of the second Early Site Permit (ESP) by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee ranking member Pete Domenici issued the following statement:

“Today’s announcement that the NRC has issued an early site permit to Entergy Corporation for its Grand Gulf Nuclear Station in Mississippi is another sign that our nation is undergoing a nuclear renaissance.

“This permit is the second one announced in the last month, and is evidence that the Energy Policy Act’s provisions intended to spur construction of nuclear power plants are working. It is also proof that President Bush’s efforts through his Advanced Energy Initiative are paying off.

“I look forward to Entergy moving forward on a construction operating license application (COLA), which is the next step toward building a power plant, as well as future NRC action on ESP’s for other plants.”

Like the Clinton, Ill. site which received a permit last month, Grand Gulf is one of three Early Site Permit projects within DOE’s Nuclear Power 2010 program. NP2010 is a joint government/industry cost sharing effort to identify sites for new nuclear plants, bring to market advanced nuclear plant technologies, and demonstrate untested regulatory processes.

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