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Dear Mr. Capp,

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Please allow me a few minutes of your time today to tell you why I DO NOT want the EPD to allow the MACT permit for the proposed Longleaf Coal Plant, to be located in Hilton, GA which is in Early County, GA.

First let me introduce myself. My name is Heather Bewis Smith. I am a female, age of 39. I was born in Miller County, GA and have lived here my entire life. This is a rural area where agriculture is the largest of our employers. We are lucky enough to be able to enjoy the beauty of the Flint and Chattahoochee Rivers and where they meet to form the beautiful Lake Seminole. Lots of people fish from these waters and as of right now, we can still enjoy eating these fish. Not to mention all of the people that enjoy just boating with their friends and families. This is a way of life for a large portion of the people in this area.

We already have Farley Nuclear Plant on the Alabama side of the

Chattahoochee, and down stream on the Georgia side we have Georgia Pacific. These two are already putting enough pollutants into our air and our waters. Last I heard God is not making anymore of these!

We live on one of the worlds largest, purest, natural aquifers. It is called the Floridian Aquifer. These plants can not be good for our land or water. I'm not against other sources such as wind, solar, natural gas, or bio-mass. Coal ash scares me to death and that is exactly what it will lead to - death - of our natural habitat and our people. What happened to all of that "green" talk from our new administration? There is no such thing as "clean coal"!

We already have the highest cancer rate per capita in the state of Georgia, in Miller County. If you look on a map you will see that Miller County lies due East of Farley Nuclear Plant and Georgia Pacific. No scientific facts, but it's a good guess that these 2 plants play a huge role in the sickness of the people of this area. I can not imagine

adding coal particles on top of this! We have such humid air here, I know these particles will enter our bodies with every breath we take. We are normal everyday taxpaying American citizens, trying to raise families and live our lives to the fullest. We feed the world from the fields of our area. Not to mention when this water leaves Lake Seminole at the Woodruff Dam, it goes straight to Apalachicola Bay. Eventually this is going to harm the seafood industry of Florida, on top of our crops that the world depends on. Just because this is a rural area doesn't mean that we don't provide a lot! To even think of lowering the emissions standards, set by the EPA, just so they can build here is unfathomable!

My parents live on the Chattahoochee River. They will be approximately 7 miles by boat and 12 miles by car from the proposed site, and they are downstream from it. My daddy fishes everyday of the week that he is able. Therefore, we have the pleasure of fresh fish for our supper a couple of times a

week. It will be a true shame the day that we can only fish for sport and can not eat them anymore! Their grandchildren all enjoy the river and I hope that one day their children will also have a chance to still enjoy it! As I said before, God isn't making anymore of this! Every spring when its the rainy season it floods. These ponds they will store the coal ash in will more than likely eventually flood. What will that do to our land and water? I want our next generations to be able to do the things that we have taught them to enjoy, and, to take care of our natural habitat.

I know that Georgia does not need the energy that this plant would produce. It is Florida that needs it! Let them put it in their own backyard at their expense to their health and habitat! There has to be a "greener" way than this coal! There is no such thing as "clean coal"!

Lastly, Mr. Capp, before you make this life altering decision, I invite you, your family, and your colleagues to come to Southwest Georgia. It

would be my pleasure to provide you with a place to stay - on the river - and to feed you all some of our fresh fish. While here you could enjoy a beautiful ride on the Chattahoochee all the way down to Lake Seminole. Perhaps we could have a "Bear Summit" and discuss this more, as you see our beautiful scenery. This is a sincere invitation, Mr. Capp!

Thank you for your time on this most important matter! And, Thank you in advance for making the right decision! I appreciate the chance to tell you all of this from my heart! Please don't make us breathe this awful stuff! There is no "clean coal"!

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R.S.V.P. in any way would be appreciated

Sincerely,
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P.S. If I went to Lake Lanier and poured 158 lbs. of mercury into it per year: would I be a terrorist or an economic developer???