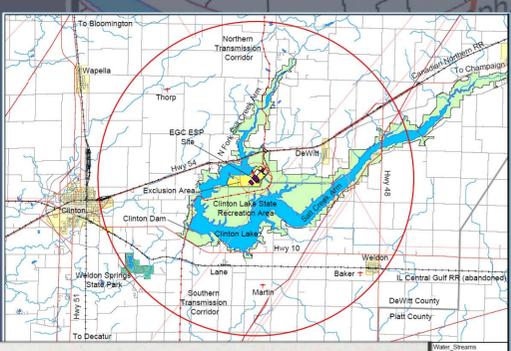
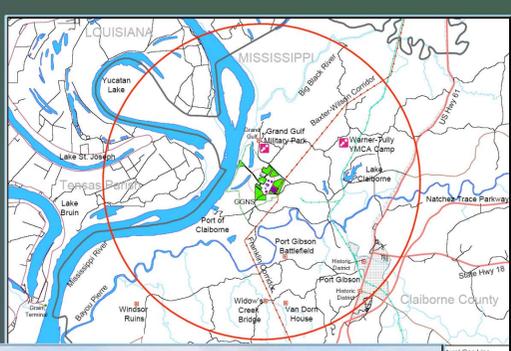




Nuclear Power Making a Comeback in the United States

After a nearly three-decade-long construction hiatus, the federal government (with passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005) reduced the barriers to construction of new nuclear power plants in the United States.



PNNL leads the environmental reviews of potential new nuclear power plants, and Technology Planning and Deployment provides key analyses to the interdisciplinary effort, including:

- **Land use impact analysis (for example, characterization of proposed land uses and Geographic Information Systems support).**
- **Socioeconomic impact analysis (for example, housing markets, population projections, visual aesthetics).**
- **Alternative site analysis (screening for sites that are obviously superior or environmentally preferable).**



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