

A nuclear plant in Victoria County will add billions to its economy

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A Perryman Group 65-page report released July 31 clearly shows that an Exelon nuclear plant in Victoria County would boost the economy by billions of dollars in the years following its completion.

We have said all along that such a plant in Victoria County would be an economic boon, so now it is reasonable to say the plant and what it will bring will be a benefit to the area's economy.

Debate over whether a nuclear plant would have an impact on the environment, or over other factors, is viable, but there is no doubt that such a plant would improve the economy.

Certainly, the community should be prepared for an influx of new jobs during the construction phase and the exit of those jobs when the plant is finished. If the community is not prepared, this introduction and subsequent loss of jobs could be painful to the economy.

But 700 jobs each paying between \$60,000 and \$80,000 a year will be permanent, and those workers and their families are expected to spend \$2 billion a year thereafter. Also, the Exelon plant would contribute \$46.2 million to the state and \$40.8 million locally in annual taxes.

An Exelon nuclear plant constructed in Victoria County would be a tremendous and significant economic infusion to the area's well-being.

Read the Perryman report:

Go to <http://www.nuclearenergyfortexans.org/> and click on "more" in the box titled, "Economic Impact analysis released."

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