This replication dataset is based on Replication Data for: Power to the People or Regulatory Ratcheting? Explaining the Success (or Failure) of Attempts to Site Commercial U.S. Nuclear Power Plants: 1954-1996/ U.S. Nuclear Host Communities Dataset: Version 10 (Built: 20 Nov 2015 10:40). Unless otherwise noted, year-level data were sampled from the year prior to the siting outcome and decade-level data were sampled from the decade nearest the siting outcome.

Note: The summary values displayed below are ***not*** weighted. To replicate the summary statistics and model results, analyses should utilize the frequency weight variable "`UnitsCase`". As the rows in the dataset record distinct siting outcomes (in terms of the completion and cancellation years and the siting outcome), weights were used to account for cases involving multiple reactors that experienced the same siting outcomes at the same site in the same years, and represented *more* than a single outcome in the analysis. See variable `UnitsCase` for details.

`NPPname`: Nuclear Power Project Name

```
   unique values:  186                     missing "":  0/186

        examples:  "Allens Creek 1"
                   "St. Rosalie 1, 2"
                   "Jamesport 2"
                   "Shoreham"
```

Notes:

Source: Data primarily generated from printed records in the reports "*U.S. Central Station Nuclear Electric Generating Units: Significant Milestones*" (1981), "*Nuclear Power Generation and Fuel Cycle Report 1997"* (Appendix C) (1997), and from volumes of Heddleson's series of publications "*Design Data and Safety Features of Commercial Nuclear Power Plants*" (1973–1976), along with other sources.

Details: Variable lists the name commonly used to refer to each project in AEC/NRC documents, or other archival sources.

Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Significant Milestones…*" report) available at: http://www.osti.gov/scitech/servlets/purl/6480768/

Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Fuel Cycle…"* report Appendix C) available at: http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/virtual_disk_library/index.cgi/4265704/FID1578/pdf/coal_nuc/043697.pdf

Link: Digital copies of original printed resources ("*Design Data...*" reports) can be found through the Department of Energy's OSTI Service (example link to Volume V): http://www.osti.gov/scitech/biblio/7274548-design-data-safety-features-commerical-nuclear-power-plant/

`CountyName`: Name of Host Community (County, State Postal Abbreviation)

```
   unique values:  111                     missing "":  0/186

        examples:  "Sampson, NC"
                   "Lancaster, PA"
                   "Ogle, IL"
                   "Somervell, TX"
```

Notes:

Source: Each reactor's host community was determined through the use of a variety of archival sources: The addresses listed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's *Information Digest* reports (many years) provided the information necessary to identify the host counties of some completed projects as well as some cancelled units. The locations of other reactors were determined by examining the site information and drawings in the volumes of the "*Design Data and Safety Features of Commercial Nuclear Power Plants*" reports by Heddleson (1973–1976), as well as by using the latitude-longitude coordinates provided in the report "*Population Distribution Analyses for Nuclear Power Plant Siting*" (1983). The intended sites for a handful of cancelled projects (including the two-unit St. Rosalie project[1] and the three-unit South River project[2]) proved difficult to locate using the primary reports listed above, and had to be confirmed using a range of additional archival sources, including reports from other government agencies, newspaper stories from local or regional newspaper archives, etc. (see examples provided in footnotes).
Details: Variable lists the host community's county name and two-letter postal abbreviation (for the state) for each nuclear project.
Link: Digital copies of NRC's annual *Information Digest* reports for various years can be found through the Department of Energy's OSTI Service, while the most up-to-date report can be found at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1350/
Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Population Distribution…*" report) can be found at: http://web.ornl.gov/info/reports/1983/3445600490190.pdf
Link: Digital copies of original printed resources ("*Design Data...*" reports) can be found through the Department of Energy's OSTI Service (example link to Volume V): http://www.osti.gov/scitech/biblio/7274548-design-data-safety-features-commerical-nuclear-power-plant/

`Outcome`: Siting Outcome (1 = Success)

```
          range:  [0,1]                       units:  1
  unique values:  2                        missing .:  0/186

     tabulation:  Freq.  Value
                    83  0
                   103  1
```

Notes:
Source: Data primarily generated from printed records in the reports "*U.S. Central Station Nuclear Electric Generating Units: Significant Milestones*" (1981), "*Nuclear Power Generation and Fuel Cycle Report 1997"* (Appendix C) (1997), and other sources.
Details: Codes plants which were completed and *began commercial operation* as successful (`1`), and plants which were *cancelled at any other stage* as failed (`0`).
Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Significant Milestones…*" report) available at: http://www.osti.gov/scitech/servlets/purl/6480768/

[1] This report from the U.S. Bureau of Mines was one of the sources used to corroborate the approximate location of the two-unit St. Rosalie project: "…the St. Rosalie Station, will be sited on the west bank of the Mississippi River between the towns of Alliance and Myrtle Grove in *Plaquemines Parish*…" (emphasis added to county name; Sondermayer 1974, 1271).
[2] This article from the *Fayetteville Observer* was one of the sources used to corroborate the approximate location of the three-unit South River project: "…Carolina Power & Light, which is now Progress Energy, wanted to build a $1billion nuclear power plant on the South River between Garland and Kerr in *Sampson County…*" (emphasis added to county name; Landis 2003).

Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Fuel Cycle…"* report Appendix C) available at: http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/virtual_disk_library/index.cgi/4265704/FID1578/pdf/coal_nuc/043697.pdf

`UnitsCase`: Number of Nuclear Reactors in Case (used as frequency weight)

```
          range:  [1,4]                       units:  1
  unique values:  4                        missing .:  0/186

     tabulation:  Freq.  Value
                    148  1
                     35  2
                      2  3
                      1  4
```

Notes:
Source: *N/A*
Details: Provides the frequency weight necessary to duplicate certain rows in the dataset, based on the number of cases contained in the row. For instance, in the case of a two-unit project where both units were proposed in the same year and cancelled in the same year, this case would only takes a single row in the dataset, as each unit would have identical values on the time-related variables influencing each outcome. This case is thus expanded in the statistical analysis to account for the fact that more than one reactor reached a siting outcome with those values.
If using *STATA*, this expansion can be performed by adding `[fw=UnitsCase]` to commands when performing analyses (as in the replication `.do` file). In *R*, one can create a frequency weighted version of the dataset after importing the original dataset as a `data.frame`: `weighted_dataframe <- dataframe[rep(1:nrow(dataframe), dataframe),])`.
Link: *N/A*

`ProposedYr`: Year Nuclear Power Project Proposed (Publicly Announced)

```
          range:  [1955,1978]                 units:  1
  unique values:  18                       missing .:  0/186

           mean:   1969.84
      std. dev:   3.70183

     percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                        1966      1967      1971      1973      1974
```

Notes:
Source: Data primarily generated from printed records in the reports "*U.S. Central Station Nuclear Electric Generating Units: Significant Milestones*" (1981), "*Nuclear Power Generation and Fuel Cycle Report 1997"* (Appendix C) (1997), and other sources.
Details: Uses the year that each project was *announced* (for most completed projects and cancelled projects) or the year of the project *order's announcement* (for some cancelled plants).
Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Significant Milestones…*" report) available at: http://www.osti.gov/scitech/servlets/purl/6480768/
Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Fuel Cycle…"* report Appendix C) available at: http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/virtual_disk_library/index.cgi/4265704/FID1578/pdf/coal_nuc/043697.pdf

`CompCancYr`: Year of Siting Outcome (Completion or Cancellation)

```
          range:  [1959,1996]                 units:  1
  unique values:  26                       missing .:  0/186

           mean:   1979.32
        std. dev:  6.06464

     percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                        1973      1974      1980      1984      1987
```

Notes:

Source: Data primarily generated from printed records in "*U.S. Central Station Nuclear Electric Generating Units: Significant Milestones*" (1981) and "*Nuclear Power Generation and Fuel Cycle Report 1997* (Appendix C)" (1997), and other sources.

Details: Uses the *year of first commercial operation* for completed plants, and *year of cancellation* (as determined by the AEC/NRC records) for cancelled cases.

Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Significant Milestones…*" report) available at: http://www.osti.gov/scitech/servlets/purl/6480768/

Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Fuel Cycle…*" report Appendix C) available at: http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/virtual_disk_library/index.cgi/4265704/FID1578/pdf/coal_nuc/043697.pdf

`GuideRevisions`: Number of Revisions to Regulatory Guides over the Duration of the Siting Attempt

```
          range:  [0,258]                     units:  1
  unique values:  46                       missing .:  0/186

           mean:   117.565
        std. dev:  85.2791

     percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                           5        14       145       194       212
```

Notes:

Source: Data for each regulatory guide collected from records on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's website; variable only counts revisions to regulatory guides which were coded as affecting commercial nuclear power projects in the *Energy Economic Data Base* (1984).

Details: Codes the number of revisions to issued regulatory guides that occurred over the duration of each case, or between the year of public announcement (`ProposedYr`) to year prior to the project's completion or cancellation (`CompCancYr - 1`).[3]

Link: Data sources (Dates for each revision to issued regulatory guides): http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/

Link: Data sources (*Energy Economic Data Base* report; relevant regulatory guides listed in Appendix A): http://www.osti.gov/scitech/biblio/6504693

[3] In keeping with the coding of other variables, the year *prior* to the siting outcome (`CompCancYr - 1`) is used as the end point for the series: As only the outcome *year* was known for certain cases, we could not determine whether the cases reached its siting outcome at the start or end of the year, and thus could not determine which revisions occurring in the outcome year should be considered to have impacted the project prior to its conclusion in that year. Thus, the measure is slightly conservative.

`ElecDemandGrowth`: (Five-Year) State-Level Demand Growth for Electricity

```
          range:  [-.02855493,.08618529]       units:  1.000e-11
  unique values:  150                      missing .:  5/186

           mean:   .036191
      std. dev:   .022103

    percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                     .011568   .019576   .036488   .052357   .062995
```

Notes:

Source: Data from U.S. Energy Information Administration's data series titled: "State Energy Data System 1960-2013".

Details: Uses state-level data from variable "`ESTXP`" which is defined as "*Electricity total end-use consumption (i.e., sold)*". This raw data was converted into a five-year straight-line growth rate using the equation: $(\frac{value_n - value_{n-5}}{value_{n-5}})$, where *value* is the value from the `ESTXP` data and *n* is the year prior to the siting outcome for each case.

Link: Raw data available at: http://www.eia.gov/state/seds/sep_use/total/csv/use_all_phy.zip

`CoalTotalCost`: Total Cost (Nominal cents per kWh generated) in year prior to the Siting Outcome

```
          range:  [.53525977,3.9853773]        units:  1.000e-08
  unique values:  20                       missing .:  11/186

           mean:   2.28748
      std. dev:   1.03134

    percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                       .917   1.15471   2.32116   3.37903   3.61911
```

Notes:

Source: Data from McNerney et al.'s (2011) replication datasets.

Details: Variable relies on data from column "`R`" of the file "`MainCosts.xls`" from the authors' replication datasets, labeled "Total Cost, Nominal cents per kWh generated", and uses the value from the year prior to the case's siting outcome.

Link: Raw data available at: http://www.santafe.edu/files/coal_electricity_data

`SenContSite`: Control of State Senate prior to Siting Outcome (1 = Democrat; 0 = Republican)

```
          range:  [0,1]                        units:  1
  unique values:  2                        missing .:  3/186

     tabulation:  Freq.   Numeric  Label
                    52         0  Republican Control
                   131         1  Democratic Control
                     3         .
```

Notes:

Source: Data generated from Klarner's (2003) State-Level Partisan Composition dataset.

Details: Data generated from variable "`sen_cont_alt2`" by dropping cases of independent control (from "`0`" to "`.`" or "missing"). The replication dataset variable now reports `1` = "Democratic Control" and `0` = "Republican Control" in the year prior to the siting outcome.
Link: Raw data available at: https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=hdl:1902.1/20403

`HousContSite`: Control of State House prior to Siting Outcome (1 = Democrat; 0 = Republican)

```
          range:  [0,1]                       units:  1
  unique values:  2                        missing .:  5/186

     tabulation:  Freq.   Numeric  Label
                     40         0  Republican Control
                    141         1  Democratic Control
                      5         .
```

Notes:
Source: Data generated from Klarner's (2003) State-Level Partisan Composition dataset.
Details: Data generated from variable "`hs_cont_alt2`" by dropping cases of independent control (from "`0`" to "`.`" or "missing"). The replication dataset variable now reports `1` = "Democratic Control" and `0` = "Republican Control" in the year prior to the siting outcome.
Link: Raw data available at: https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=hdl:1902.1/20403

`GovPartySite`: Governor's Party prior to Siting Outcome (1 = Democrat; 0 = Republican)

```
          range:  [0,1]                       units:  1
  unique values:  2                        missing .:  1/186

     tabulation:  Freq.   Numeric  Label
                     84         0  Republican
                    101         1  Democrat
                      1         .
```

Notes:
Source: Data generated from Klarner's (2003) State-Level Partisan Composition dataset.
Details: Data generated from variable "`govparty_c2`" by dropping cases where governors are members of Independent or Third-Parties (from "`0`" to "`.`" or "missing"). The replication dataset variable now reports `1` = "Democratic Governor" and `0` = "Republican Governor" in the year prior to the siting outcome.
Link: Raw data available at: https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=hdl:1902.1/20403

`VoterTurnout`: Voter Turnout (Voting Age Population; %)

```
          range:  [32.19833,80.28169]          units:  .00001
  unique values:  154                     missing .:  0/186

           mean:    57.222
        std. dev:   9.79471

    percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                     45.8605   51.3209   57.9046   64.1381   70.3046
```

Notes:

Source: Data from Gomez et al.'s (2007) replication dataset.

Details: Uses data from column "`Turnout`" from their replication dataset. The data in the replication dataset reports the turnout rate in each county in the Presidential election closest—but prior to—the siting outcome. As Gomez et al.'s data accounted for number of citizens that turned out to vote against the total population in each county that were of voting *age*, it could not exclude citizens who are of voting age but would be legally ineligible to vote from the statistic.

Link: Data available at: http://myweb.fsu.edu/bgomez/Weather_Public_File.zip

`StandardizedDemVote`: (Standardized) Proportion of County-Level Vote for Democratic Presidential Candidate

```
          range:  [-.3322269,.55132824]        units:  1.000e-10
  unique values:  142                     missing .:  13/186

           mean:  -.025314
        std. dev:   .123586

    percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                     -.16463  -.101876  -.034265   .030248   .134903
```

Notes:

Source: Raw county-level vote proportion data provided by ICPSR study 13 (1950-1990), as well as records from the U.S. Census Bureau for later years.

Details: Data generated by subtracting each county's proportion of votes for the Democratic Presidential candidate in the closest Presidential election prior to the siting outcome from the county's rolling mean of the proportion of votes for the Democratic Presidential candidates for the three elections *prior to* (i.e., excluding) the closest election. This standardization was intended to remove short-term changes in the level of support for the Democratic Party that can be more directly attributed to the popularity of certain candidates or other short-term, election-specific effects.

Link: Raw data available in ICPSR 13 (1950-1990): https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/RCMD/studies/13

Link: Raw data available in `ELE01.xls` (later years): http://www2.census.gov/prod2/statcomp/usac/excel/ELE01.xls

`MWe_100`: Nuclear Unit(s) Power Output (MWe / 100)

```
            range:  [.65,13.04]                 units:  .01
    unique values:  95                       missing .:  0/186

             mean:   10.0461
          std. dev:   2.35349

      percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                         6.93       8.7     10.79      11.5      12.5
```

Notes:
Source: Data primarily generated from printed records in the reports "*U.S. Central Station Nuclear Electric Generating Units: Significant Milestones*" (1981), "*Nuclear Power Generation and Fuel Cycle Report 1997"* (Appendix C) (1997), and Heddleson's publications on the design features of nuclear power plants, including the volumes of "*Design Data and Safety Features of Commercial Nuclear Power Plants*" (1973–1976) and the report "*Summary Data for U. S. Commercial Nuclear Power Plants in the United States*" (1978).
Details: Reports the projected power output of each individual nuclear reactor unit (e.g., each unit in multi-unit cases) divided by 100 to scale the unstandardized coefficient's value.
Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Significant Milestones…*" report) available at: http://www.osti.gov/scitech/servlets/purl/6480768/
Link: Digital copy of original printed resource ("*Fuel Cycle…"* report Appendix C) available at: http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/virtual_disk_library/index.cgi/4265704/FID1578/pdf/coal_nuc/043697.pdf
Link: Digital copies of original printed resources ("*Design Data...*" or "*Summary Data…*" reports) can be found through the Department of Energy's OSTI Service (example link to Volume V of the "*Design Data…*" series): http://www.osti.gov/scitech/biblio/7274548-design-data-safety-features-commerical-nuclear-power-plant/

`CompletedUnits`: Units Completed on Same Site before year of Siting Outcome

```
            range:  [0,2]                       units:  1
    unique values:  3                        missing .:  0/186

       tabulation:  Freq.  Value
                      148  0
                       37  1
                        1  2
```

Notes:
Source: Data generated from information provided by `CompCancYRS`, `Outcome`, and `NPPname`.
Details: Variable reports the number of nuclear reactor units previously *completed* (cancelled units are not counted towards this total) within the same host community prior to the current project's siting outcome year. Multi-unit projects in which all units reached a successful outcome in the same year have values of `0`, as it was difficult to determine the order of each unit's outcomes.
Link: *N/A*

log_PopTOT1k: (log) County Population (1000s)

```
          range:  [.72124857,8.8517923]        units:  1.000e-08
unique values:  131                      missing .:  0/186

           mean:   4.43143
      std. dev:   1.51304

    percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                    2.67442    3.4518   4.20756   5.48899    6.5466
```

Notes:

Source: County-level population variables included in the digital editions of the U.S. Census Bureau's series of *County and City Data Books* for 1956-1977 (ICPSR 7736), 1983 (ICPSR 8256), and 1994 (University of Virginia).

Details: Data rescaled (*County Population / 1000*) and then log-transformed to account for non-normality in the distribution of values. Each case was associated with data from a volume of the *County and City Data Books* from the same decade as the case's siting outcome.

Link: Raw data available in ICPSR 7736 - County and City Data Book 1947-1977: https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/7736/version/2

Link: Raw data available in ICPSR 8256 - County and City Data Book 1983 (DS1): https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/RCMD/studies/8256

Link: Raw data available in University of Virginia - County and City Data Book (1994): http://ccdb.lib.virginia.edu/ccdb/ccdb/choose_states?type=county&year=1994

FarmAreaProp: County Land Area in Farms (proportion of all land)

```
          range:  [.028,.98]                   units:  1.000e-08
unique values:  124                      missing .:  0/186

           mean:   .427519
      std. dev:   .269319

    percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                         .1      .196      .347      .657      .879
```

Notes:

Source: Data collected from variables included in the digital editions of the U.S. Census Bureau's series of *County and City Data Books* for 1956-1977 (ICPSR 7736), 1983 (ICPSR 8256), and 1994 (University of Virginia).

Details: Data on the proportion of each county's land area in farms provided in the *County and City Data Books* for 1956-1983, or generated from other variables (county total farm area and county total land area) for the *County and City Data Books* for 1988 and 1994. Each case was associated with data from a volume of the *County and City Data Books* from the same decade as the case's siting outcome.

Link: Raw data available in ICPSR 7736 - County and City Data Book 1947-1977: https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/7736/version/2

Link: Raw data available in ICPSR 8256 - County and City Data Book 1983 (DS1): https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/RCMD/studies/8256

Link: Raw data available in University of Virginia - County and City Data Book (1994): http://ccdb.lib.virginia.edu/ccdb/ccdb/choose_states?type=county&year=1994

`log_PerCapIncome`: (log) County Per Capita Income

```
           range:  [8.4677925,9.7809811]        units:  1.000e-07
   unique values:  126                      missing .:  1/186

            mean:   9.19137
         std. dev:   .264367

      percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                     8.79103   9.03789   9.21989   9.40673   9.48433
```

Notes:

Source: Data generated from data series generated by the U.S. Census Bureau: "*Table C3. Per Capita Income by County*". All per capita income values were reported in 1989 CPI-U adjusted dollars.

Details: Data sourced from columns labeled "*Per Capita Income*" and associated with the decade of the siting outcome (e.g., 1959 per capita income values were associated with outcomes occurring throughout the 1960s, while data from 1969 were associated with outcomes occurring throughout the 1970s, and so on). The raw values were log-transformed to account for non-normality in the distribution of values.

Link: Raw data available at: https://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/data/historical/county/county3.html

`log_HSPct`: (log) County Population with only High School Degree (%)

```
           range:  [2.3418057,3.8628328]        units:  1.000e-07
   unique values:  102                      missing .:  6/186

            mean:   3.45522
         std. dev:   .265969

      percentiles:        10%       25%       50%       75%       90%
                     3.10455   3.31054   3.49347   3.65196   3.72569
```

Notes:

Source: Data generated from variables provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service.

Details: Data sourced from columns labeled "*Percent of adults with a high school diploma only*" and uses values from the decade of the siting outcome. Data were associated with the decade of the siting outcome (e.g., outcomes occurring in the 1970s were associated with values from 1970, while outcomes occurring in the 1980s were associated with values from 1980, etc.). The raw values were log-transformed to account for non-normality in the distribution of values.

Link: Raw data available at: http://www.ers.usda.gov/dataFiles/CountyLevelDatasets/Education.xls

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