

January 19, 2004

Honorable Niels Diaz
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
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Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am concerned about the safety of nuclear power plants in the United States. I have two major concerns – general safety and concerns associated with terrorist attacks. I am concerned that if there is a leak in a nuclear reactor there might be a nuclear explosion or a release of radiation affecting the surrounding area. When there was a leak in a nuclear reactor in Chernobyl, Russia thousands of people died or had birth defects. I wouldn't like to have this happen in America.

Another concern I have is associated with terrorist attacks. I am afraid that a terrorist might target nuclear reactors. If this happens towns and cities could possibly be destroyed. Because nuclear sites appear on maps terrorists could target nuclear reactors easily.

My solution is to ensure that safety features are built correctly in order to prevent leaks. Also, the nuclear sites can be checked regularly in order to help prevent leaks. In order to prevent terrorist attacks nuclear sites can be taken off maps. I hope you will listen to my concerns and try to help.

Sincerely,



Scott Davidson

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