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Re: NRC Rulemaking Petition Docket No. PRM-73-12

Dear Sir/Madam:

I offer my strongest possible support to the petition submitted by the Committee to Bridge the Gap seeking to upgrade the DBT requirements for the protection of America's nuclear reactors against potential terrorist attacks. Quite frankly, in reading through the petition, I was astounded to learn how slow (and at times, recalcitrant) regulatory officials have seemingly been in responding to the growing terrorist dangers and attacks that led up to the events of 9/11. And I am even more amazed to find that now, more than 3 years after 9/11, we are still having a discussion about the necessity for these measures. Upgrading the DBT requirements to ensure that nuclear facilities can withstand attacks similar to those which occurred on 9/11 should be a minimum measure. Surely it is now the NRC's duty to be at least as "imaginative" as any future terrorists might be in conceiving all possible assaults on nuclear reactors and taking all reasonable precautions against them. The standards and measures being proposed here, including the "beamhenge" structures (or implementation of comparable safeguards), are way overdue. Experts have repeatedly warned that we must expect and prepare for future terrorist attacks on a scale even greater than those suffered on 9/11, and potential attacks on nuclear reactors appear regularly in those warnings. Clearly, in the event of such attacks, there can be none of the "but we never could have foreseen" type of excuses we heard after 9/11. I urge you in the strongest possible terms to act favorably on this petition on the most expedited basis.

Sincerely,

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Attached for docketing is a comment letter on the above noted PRM from David Karnes that I received via the Rulemaking website on 1/05/05.

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