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Secretary, Nuclear Power Commission

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In the wake of 9/11, a terrorist attack is a real possibility and we must be prepared. America has provided several targets: active nuclear power plants that are close to private residences. This highly vulnerable situation could potentially cause millions of deaths if one of the plants is attacked. It is crucial that the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission protect US citizens from potential attacks on our nuclear power plants. Inexpensive methods such as constructing shields consisting of steel I-beams and steel cabling to obstruct the angle of air attack at standoff distances from the reactor building, fuel pool and other safety-related assets so that hijacked, rented or private aircraft (potentially carrying explosives) attempting to deliberately crash into a reactor site would be torn up in the "Beamhenge" shield effectively reducing the impact and penetration force on safety-related structures. The shield effort is focused on reasonably reducing the public's risk of terrorists successfully using nuclear power stations for radiological-enhanced sabotage.

Thank you.

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