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Subject: Comments on PRM-73-12

To the Secretary:

I am writing in support of the petition filed by Daniel Hirsch for the Committee to Bridge the Gap (CBG). I live in the vicinity of the plant, and I am at risk in the event of a radioactive release.

I find it appalling that despite the current political environment and after the events of September 11, 2001, the NRC has done so little to defend the nuclear plants and radioactive waste storage facilities. CBG's petition clearly states the regulations that must be changed, the kinds of attacks that we must be prepared for, systems, exercises, and inspections that must be implemented, and shields that must be constructed. I agree with all recommendations made by CBG to enhance NRC security requirements for protection of nuclear power plants from terrorist attack.

The NRC has been given the enormous responsibility of protecting the citizens of the United States from the dangers of nuclear power. New and effective NRC security requirements are past due.

The NRC must halt the delay game it has been playing with the public and allow and incorporate public comments as well as the valuable input from first responders in reactor communities. Nuclear power plants must be equipped with state-of-the-art defense-in-depth technology to assure US residents are protected from terrorist events, even if the Commission believes those events to be "unlikely". How likely was 9/11/01, the recent 9.0 magnitude earthquake and resulting tsunami, the deadly landslides in California. We must plan for the possible, not just the NRC's definition of likely.

Sincerely,

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