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ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Re:

- Protect the Public from Nuclear Power Disaster Following an Attack

- Nuclear Regulatory Commission Petitioned to **Upgrade Safety Requirements:**

- Comments Needed by January 24, 2005

- Last year, the Committee to Bridge the Gap (CBG) filed a Petition for Rulemaking to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (posted in the Federal Register on November 8, 2004, Volume 69, Number 215) for "Upgrading the Design Basis **Threat Regulations for Protection Against** Terrorist Attacks on Nuclear Reactors." The nuclear agency has now opened the petition for public comment. The NRC will hear citizens' concerns about vulnerabilities at America's nuclear power plants.

- The petition most crucially requests that NRC upgrade the Design Basis Threat (DBT) for U.S. nuclear power stations revising DBT regulations to require NRC and the nuclear power industry to contemplate and prepare for an attack of nuclear power stations by air by constructing shields consisting of (inexpensive and quick-to-assemble) steel I-beams and steel cabling to obstruct the angle of air attack at stand-off 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.

Respectfully Requested Action:

PLEASE make sure that our nation upgrades the protection of our nuclear reactors. [Really, the existence of these reactors is unnecessary. We receive so much energy from the sun --directly--EVERY DAY. We must develop other sources of energy ASAP and plan for our environmental

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Best regards,

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