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The petitioners have asked for the NRC to impose significant additional security measures on nuclear power stations. My professional opinion is that these additional measures are unnecessary and wasteful. They would require the commitment of enormous resources when there are numerous better uses for the money.

Nuclear power plants already have well proven security measures consisting of many layers of security, relatively remote locations with large buffer zones and a very strong concrete and steel barrier protecting the reactor and its major components. The best evidence available shows the impact from a large aircraft full of fuel is unlikely to breach the containment dome. There is essentially no chance of the attack injuring anyone outside the facility.

I would be far more supportive of efforts to increase security precautions at jet fuel storage areas located in major cities, coal fired power plants on the shores of our most valuable waterways, interstate power transmission lines that carry vital energy to millions of people, chemical plants, natural gas pipelines and hundreds of other facilities that are far more vulnerable and likely to cause human injury if attacked.

Please do not impose the rules recommended by the Committee to Bridge the Gap.

Sincerely,
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Attached for docketing is a comment letter on the above noted PRM from Rodney M. Adams that I received via the Rulemaking website on 1/22/05.

Carol