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Dear US Nuclear Regulatory Com ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staf:

I am writing in support of the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the Committee to Bridge the Gap to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission for "Upgrading the Design Basis Threat Regulations for Protection Against Terrorist Attacks on Nuclear Reactors" (posted in the Federal Register on November 8, 2004, Volume 69, Number 215).

I urgently request that the NRC upgrade the Design Basis Threat (DBT) for US nuclear power stations. The NRC must revise the DBT regulations to require the 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. These would obstruct the angle of an 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.

Please make Americans safer today by upgrading the Design Basis Threat for US nuclear power stations.

Sincerely,

Sharon Gonzalez

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