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ADJUDICATORY DOCKETS OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION,
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>US Nuclear Regulatory Com ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staf >Secretary
>Washington, DC 20555-0001 > > >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). > >If a nuclear
plant's containment shell and reactor core, or spent fuel >pools, are ever breached, a terrible
explosion of radioactivity, on a par >with the Chernobyl accident, would ensue. Millions of
Americans would be >placed in harm's way. Unfortunately, America's nuclear plants are highly
>vulnerable to attack. Fortunately, such a cataclysm is preventable. > >Harvard professor and
Clinton Administration arms control expert Graham >Allison soberly discusses the problem of
nuclear power plant >vulnerabilities: > >"The American Airlines flight that struck the North
Tower of the World >Trade Center could just as readily have hit the Indian Point nuclear power
>plant, forth miles north of Times Square* > >The consequences of an attack on a nuclear plant
would depend largely on >where the plane hit. If the aircraft penetrated the containment dome,
the >attack could cause the reactor to melt down, releasing hundreds of >millions of curies of
radioactivity into the surrounding environment, >hundreds of times that released by the
Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs. We >already know what such an incident would look like. In
April 1986, an >accident explosion inside the Soviet nuclear reactor at Chernobyl ignited >a
powerful fire that raged for ten days. The resulting radiation forced >the evacuation and
resettlement of over 350,000 people and caused an >estimated \$300 billion of economic damage,
and is likely to lead >ultimately to tens of thousands of excess cancer deaths among those
>exposed to the fallout." > >An even more vulnerable target at a nuclear plant is the building that
>houses the spent fuel rods, which are stored in pools of water to prevent >the heat from their
residual radioactivity from melting them. Designed to >remain intact in case of an earthquake,
these structures are open to the >air in some instances and housed in only light-duty buildings in
others, >which means that a plane attacking from above might drain the pool, >destroy backup
safety systems, and ignite the fuel. The resulting fire >would spew radioactivity into the
environment in amounts that could reach >three or four Chernobyls. > >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, > >>Christopher E. Rudisaile >254-699-1442 > > >