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Attached for docketing is a comment letter on the above noted PRM from Theodore Rockwell that I received via the Rulemaking website on 1/21/05.

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**Comment on PRM-73-12 (Committee to Bridge the Gap)**

**Increased security for Nuclear Power Plants**

**New Jersey has many targets attractive to those who would spread destruction across the land. Nuclear power plants are among the least of these. Nuclear plants are already the most robust and protected of structures. They have been shown to survive tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes and other assaults. As reported in the authoritative mainstream peer-reviewed journal *Science* (20 Spt 2002 and 10 Jan 2003), even the worst realistic casualty, assuming fuel melting and containment compromise, would cause few if any deaths.**

**Meanwhile, literally hundreds of oil refineries, chemical plants, storage facilities in the state are virtually unprotected, and such plants have occasionally caused heavy death tolls.**

**Several hundred nuclear power plants have been operating safely for decades, plus many more in naval vessels. No casualties affecting people or the environment have occurred. Rather than putting our efforts into shooting down stray passenger planes and erecting grotesque dream-catchers, I suggest we concentrate on real problems, like unemployment, educational opportunities, health and retirement insurance, and clogged highways.**

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