

DOCKET NUMBER

PETITION RULE FILE

73-12

(69FR 64690)

From: "Jim Hoerner" <jim_hoerner@hotmail.com>
To: "US Nuclear Regulatory Com ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staf" <secy@nrc.gov>
Date: Sat, Jan 22, 2005 9:24 AM
Subject: Re: Modifying DBT for aircraft protection

(263)

Jim Hoerner
1142 Shade Tree Dr.
Forest, VA 24551

January 22, 2005

US Nuclear Regulatory Com ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staf
Secretary
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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

DOCKETED
USNRC

Dear NRC, as you are probably aware, the anti-nuclear industry has launched a campaign to flood your offices with automated emails like the one below. I am sending this message from such a site - http://capwiz.com/wagingpeace/mail/oneclick_compose/?alertid=6826511

February 3, 2005 (11:53am)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY
RULEMAKINGS AND
ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

I would wager that most of these automated emails are being sent by persons that have not seriously studied the issue and are simply sending them at the request of their activist friends. As such, I encourage you to give it the consideration it is due.

As you know, EPRI has performed an extensive engineering evaluation of the vulnerability of reactors and spent fuel buildings, and concluded that reasonable assurance of public safety is provided by these well-protected fortresses. Additionally, I suggest that the responsibility for preventing attack by aircraft should primarily lie with agencies such as the FAA and DHS, rather than utilities. There are many other less-protected structures in the US that would be easier targets for causing massive human harm than nuclear power plants - renewable hydroelectric facilities, chemical plants, sports stadiums, tall buildings, etc. Making nuclear power plants or other facilities virtually aircraft-proof has a huge expense associated with it. It would make sense to start with the more-vulnerable facilities like buildings and chemical plants first.

I urge you to decide the Rulemaking for The Committee to Bridge the Gap's Petition, "Upgrading the Design Basis Threat Regulations for Protection Against Terrorist Attacks on Nuclear Reactors," based upon scientific and financial considerations, and not by the number of emails received from the anti-nuclear industry and its pals. Nuclear reactors are already relatively safe, clean, affordable and reliable sources of energy production, and added costs of energy to address hypothetical threats with low probability of hurting anyone have real-world consequences of increasing electricity costs to us all, and particularly those in poverty.

[Begin automated email]

I am writing in support of the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the

Template = SECY-067

SECY-02

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). [snip remainder of automated
email]

Sincerely,
James A. Hoerner
Nuclear Engineer
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Know_Nukes

Jim Hoerner

Mail Envelope Properties (41F26226.69D : 5 : 30365)

Subject: Re: Modifying DBT for aircraft protection
Creation Date: Sat, Jan 22, 2005 9:24 AM
From: "Jim Hoerner" <jim_hoerner@hotmail.com>

Created By: jim_hoerner@hotmail.com

Recipients

nrc.gov
owf5_po.OWFN_DO
SECY (US Nuclear Regulatory Com ATTN: Rul

Post Office
owf5_po.OWFN_DO

Route
nrc.gov

Files	Size	Date & Time
MESSAGE	2820	Saturday, January 22, 2005 9:24 AM
Mime.822	3847	

Options

Expiration Date: None
Priority: Standard
Reply Requested: No
Return Notification: None

Concealed Subject: No
Security: Standard