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Sir:

In the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has attempted some reforms aimed at better nuclear safety. However, in actual fact these reforms turned out to be far from protective. In September, 2004, a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report came to the conclusion that the NRC's recently instituted security initiatives were "largely a paper review." The NRC did not verify compliance by visiting sites to make sure of compliance, nor did it request that facilities submit documents to support their security upgrades. As it turned out, GAO concluded that it will be at least three more years before NRC will have data to validate whether site-specific upgraded security plans are adequate.

Certainly our country deserves that the nuclear site of the United States be securely protected from terrorist attacks and accidents. Surely we need stricter nuclear safety standards. This important matter must be attended to.

Sincerely,

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