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I'm writing to voice my outrage over the NRC's proposed rule for amending its Design Basis Threat (DBT). The NRC's proposed rule makes virtually no substantive upgrades to existing security requirements for nuclear facilities. The proposed rule is insufficient and unacceptable in the face of the current terrorist environment and the potential consequences of a successful attack on a nuclear site.

I support the Committee to Bridge the Gap's Petition for Rulemaking to upgrade reactor security to a level taking into account the terrorist capabilities demonstrated on 9/11. Nuclear plants must be protected against at least 19 attackers—the same number as were involved on 9/11. It's outrageous for NRC not to require explicitly that nuclear power plants be protected against a force including that number of attackers. It's also appalling for the NRC to exempt air attacks from the kinds of threats against which nuclear reactors must be capable of defending. The NRC should require that nuclear reactors be protected by steel I-beams and cabling at specific distances from reactor buildings ("Beamhenge" shields), which would prevent a plane from hitting the reactor or spent fuel pools. Despite receiving over 800 comments in favor of this petition, including from seven state Attorneys General, the NRC continues to defer consideration of the Committee to Bridge the Gap's proposal.

I urge the NRC to withdraw this proposed rule for amending the DBT and to complete a thorough analysis of the 12 factors as required by Congress before reissuing a proposed DBT rule for public comment.

Sincerely,

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