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STATEMENT FROM CHAIRMAN DALE KLEIN ON COMMISSION'S AFFIRMATION OF THE FINAL DBT RULE

"Nuclear power plants are inherently robust structures that our studies show provide adequate protection in a hypothetical attack by an airplane. The NRC has also taken actions that require nuclear power plant operators to be able to manage large fires or explosions - no matter what has caused them. Finally, the NRC is actively involved with other federal agencies, including the military, to protect all this nation's infrastructure against such attacks. All that said, the NRC Commission continues to study and discuses the issue of airborne threats against our licenses and will take regulatory action in the future should it be determined that is necessary. The latest DBT rule is one part of a broader effort and by no means is the last chapter on the subject."

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