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Nuclear reactors must be carefully protected from terrorist attack for many reasons, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The NRC proposal to make no upgrades to existing security requirements for nuclear facilities is unacceptable in the face of the current terrorist environment and the potential consequences of a successful attack on a nuclear site.

2. 19 attackers were involved in 9/11. It is unacceptable to require protection for only a small fraction of that number.

3. 9/11 involved attacks from the air. It is unacceptable to exempt air attacks from the kinds of threats reactors must be capable of defending against.

4. I support the Committee to Bridge the Gap Petition for Rulemaking to upgrade reactor security. In particular, there should be protection against at least 19 attackers and construction of "Beamhenge" shields so planes crash into the shields, not the reactor facilities.

5. The rulemaking itself is a violation of rulemaking laws, in that it provides nothing but vague generalities that make genuine comment impossible. Cutting deals in secret with industry and then after the fact letting the public comment without any specifics damages public confidence and public security.

6. Congress ordered NRC to include in any rulemaking consideration of 9/11-level threats, attacks by large groups, and attacks by air. NRC has defied Congress in this rulemaking by failing to consider any of these matters.

Please protect the public health and safety of U.S. citizens, and upgrade protection for nuclear reactors.

Thank you. Jim Yarbrough

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