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General Comment

First of all I want to say that I am surprised that part of this is even coming into question. Why would it be that far-fetched of an idea for a governmental run commission to have the weight of the federal courts behind it? Instead it is subject to the individual and differing laws of the state governments. The punishments for the breaking of the commissions rules, in this case the bringing of a weapon into a facility regulated by the commission, should be standardized by the federal government. I thought the government was against the terrorists or terroristic states researching or receiving nuclear energy/weapons? I believe this should start on the home front by protecting the nuclear power plants, waste storage and disposal facilities and other places where nuclear materials could be found. What will it take for this to happen, a hostile takeover of a powerplant? I thought the government was supposed to protect the people not react to past events.

Another point is the question whether this regulation should cover hospitals and other facilities that sometimes store nuclear material. My answer to this is if it is under the jurisdiction of the NRC, yes. If this is the case, it should at the very least be expanded to include these facilities while it has the nuclear material in it. My one concern is I don't want this to lead to the NRC to start controlling places it has no business controlling. I also find it hard to believe that a person would be allowed or have any reason to bring a weapon into a hospital without having reciprocations.

One more point is the idea of defining a dangerous weapon. I for one am anti-gun. I see no reason for people to own the high-powered, automatic, and amount of guns they are allowed to these days. I don't believe that is what the framers of the constitution meant by the Second Amendment. I am fine with people owning

hand guns or hunting rifles if they hunt, but not machine guns or assault rifles. Now in the idea of defining what a dangerous weapon is, I believe it is necessary part of the proposed legislation. Leaving it open, since there are no previous definitions, would lead to loop holes and tie-ups in court. Anyway the NRC wants to define it would be fine, as long as it is defined.

The final point its about the signs. I don't think you need to regulate this aspect the proposal tightly. As long as there are the guidelines you have in place, that should be sufficient in my mind.

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