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Please add these thoughts to the record of the public workshop for the Design Basis Threat.

Regarding the question of "where will it stop". "It" meaning the requests for increased physical protection and security regulations. The "public" I have spoken with want to know "where does it start".

There is a tremendous public relations problem for the nuclear industry when GPU President Philip Clark claims security was never breached. Or, the statement that the TMI intruder does not fit the definition of the design basis threat. Shall we conclude that the DBT was not tested by the intruder?

This morning I spoke with a newspaper reporter who asked GPU about the problem of guards responding to vital doors without weapons. A GPU spokeman told him that he could be sure that an intruder or intruders who met the description of the DBT could be handled by their security. When the reporter pressed the spokeman on repelling several well-trained and well-armed attackers when weapons are unavailable as in the actual response on February 7,1993, he was told that security details are a secret.

I believe the NRC is guilty of studying an issue so closely that common sense is lost. This reminds me of the Rodgers Commission investigation of the "Challenger" disaster. Engineers gave the smallest details and specifications of many parts and systems day after day at the hearing. Finally a Nobel Prize winning physicist took a small sample of the "O Ring" material and placed it in a C-clamp he bought at a hardware store on the way to the hearing. He placed this into his glass of ice water for several minutes while he spoke. When he pulled it out of the glass, the rubber fell out of the clamp because it had contracted. Thus, he proved that all of the smallest details were not needed for undecatanching (see 16.2000).

Pierce Nye is the ice water that should wake up the NRC.

Security did not start at the North Gate. It didn't start at the protected area fence. It didn't even start at the turbine building. In fact a search for the introder didn't even start for 90 minutes; so, just where does security start?

Before the NRC concerns itself too greatly with the end of security improvements, the NRC must consider where does security start.

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