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On September 11, 2001 - 19 terrorists were involved in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon using commercial airliners as bombs. Our nuclear power plants are in and of themselves, potential weapons. If attacked, they possess enough radioactivity to decimate thousands of lives and huge areas of our country.

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. It is unacceptable to exempt air attacks from the kinds of threats reactors must be capable of defending against.

I support 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.

Cutting deals in secret with industry and then letting the public comment (after the fact!) damages public confidence and public security. The rulemaking itself is a violation of rulemaking laws, in that it provides nothing but vague generalities that make genuine comment impossible.

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

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