

I would like to send my support for the upgrade of security measures to our nuclear facilities. It seems rather obtuse to not seriously consider methods of protection to facilities that could potentially expose millions of taxpayers to a "dirty attack."

I live in Southern California and have passed the San Onofre plant adjacent to the Interstate 5 Freeway on many occasions. Such a plant could sustain significant damage by attack either on the ground, or through the air. Air attack seems to be the most devastating.

The "Beamhenge" idea seems to be a valid theory of protection by limiting the angle of attack of an aerial hit and dissipating the energy of impact by an airplane attack. The theory of dispersion is sound and would limit the amount of damage to a nuclear facility to that of fire fighting on the site grounds, rather than a collapse of the structure housing the reactor.

I know that this suggestion impacts the taxpayers' wallets, but I hate to think what impact it would have if another 9/11 type attack on our nation's nuclear energy facilities might have. The costs would be astronomical and would range from primary costs of facility shutdown, loss of energy-producing capacity, and reconstruction, to secondary costs of radiation exposure health care costs, insurance losses of property due to contamination and abandonment, to hazmat cleanups.

I think that this is only prudent to spend in the short term to protect our assets for the long haul.

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Van,

Attached for docketing is a comment letter on the above noted proposed rule from Todd Allen that I received via the rulemaking website on 1/19/06.

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