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I write to support the proposed rule changes that will establish limits on working hours for nuclear power plant employees and that will protect those employees from retaliation when safety problems are reported.

Individuals engaged in control operations requiring constant attention are subject to fatigue, with its ensuing decline in the ability to make critical judgments and decisions. Truck drivers and airline pilots have mandatory limits on working time. It is at least as important to extend the same protection to persons controlling nuclear power plants.

Those employees should also be protected, in no other way can the public be sheltered from potential danger, when they report safety violations or hazardous conditions. In our automated and profit driven society there have been too many instances of corporate malfeasance hidden from regulators by threats to employees of retaliatory measures.

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