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Secretary of the Commission  
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Re: Limits on employee working hours; employee training

Dear NRC:

I am writing to request that you support both proposed rules that govern limits on the amount of hours a nuclear power plant employee can work and also the rule that protects employees who speak out about safety concerns at the plant. The public needs to be assured that the first line of defense is staffed by workers who are free from both fatigue and fear of illegal discrimination. It is essential to prevent fatigue from impairing nuclear plant worker performance and to prevent fatigued workers from repairing, inspecting, and testing safety equipment when nuclear power plants are operating or shut down. We must prevent fear from causing nuclear plant workers to remain silent about safety problems and to prevent supervisors, managers, and directors from using "ignorance of the law" as a shield for their illegal actions. Please protect the public and the environment from a nuclear power plant accident by supporting these two proposed rules. I will be awaiting your response to this letter. Thank you very much for your concern and your time.

Sincerely,

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