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I feel compelled to comment on the proposed rulemaking after reading some of the other comments submitted. I have seen a licensed RO who, by his own admission was too tired to continue on duty, spend hours trying to get supervisors to release him. The current rule making draft has no provision for the worker, who is by the way, the only one who knows for sure how he feels, to decide if he will or won't continue to work. Licensed operators have the moral and legal responsibility to remove themselves from duty when they feel unfit, period! A supervisor who is often times concerned with a schedule, or any other person for that matter, should not and cannot honestly determine another persons level of fatigue. It occurs to me that, as I read the other responses, you will have paid little more than lip service to this important issue if you don't give the workers the ability to ask for relief when they deem it necessary. You are allowing many loop holes for companies to get around the proposed limits. Don't forget about the people that have direct control over this country's reactors 24/7/365. Workers that report themselves as unfit for duty due to exhaustion should have the right to do so AND the support and protection of the USNRC when they do it. They should have the same protections afforded "whistle blowers". I know this is past the comment period. However, I was requested by an NRC official to give my comments. Thank You.

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