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Carol,

Please post the email message below as a comment on the Part 26 rulemaking.

Thanks,
Becky Karas

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"The NRC has decided to eliminate the long-term quarterly and yearly work hour limits in response to several stakeholders objecting to its inclusion in a recent draft of the worker fatigue rulemaking. Taking that in stride, however, industry has identified another "killer issue" with a new addition to the draft rulemaking. During a September 14 meeting, the NRC unveiled its current thinking that would include an additional requirement for a 48-hour break in any 14-day period applicable for security personnel at all times and for other covered personnel during all nonoutage periods. During outage periods, the requirement would apply to all but the first two weeks of an outage. Industry representatives objected to the new addition, saying that the requirement would amount to a major administrative burden, could interfere with collective bargaining arrangement, and have an adverse affect on the circadium rhythm particularly for workers on the midnight shift who have to readjust during the 48-hour period. Two senior managers attended the NRC briefing, signaling that the NRC is ready to move on with the rulemaking. Frank Gillespie, NRR, told industry that the rule is "rooted in science" to deal with cumulative fatigue and added that it's time to "draw a line and get on with it."

Frank, this is a good action. You are correct. Stay the course. From a 20+ year nuclear industry line-worker.

CC: DRD; Frank Gillespie; JJP2; TSM5

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