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Hello:

I am the technical lead for the proposed worker fatigue provisions. I have noted your concern regarding the impact of the proposed requirements on 8-hour shifts and your e-mail describing this concern will be recorded as a formal comment on the rulemaking. We have received several similar comments from other workers in the industry and will carefully consider this matter. Please be assured that the staff's objective in proposing break requirements is to reduce the potential for fatigue from many consecutive work days, and is not intended to favor a particular work schedule.

I noted in your comment that you would like to speak with an NRC representative regarding the proposed requirements. I have provided my contact information below. I will gladly provide any clarification regarding the proposed fatigue provisions and would be interested in hearing your comments and concerns. However, please note that for any comments to be formally considered as part of the rulemaking process they must be submitted in writing.

Thank you for your interest in this proposed rulemaking.

>>> <glumacl@firstenergycorp.com> 12/09/05 4:08 PM >>>

hi, i would like to input my comments on the new rules for nuclear operator fatigue.

your rules are set up to limit fatigue for operators who work 12 hour shifts, and not 8 hour shifts, your rules will force us to change our work schedule to comply with the 7 days in a row. i work at beaver valley power station.

I have worked as an operator for over 25 years, both on 8 hour shifts and 12 hour shifts, you will be forcing the entire industry to go to 12 hour shifts which results in greater fatigue than working 7 days in a row, which makes me wonder if fatigue is really a concern or if you have an agenda to see all operation departments working 12 hours.

I would like to talk to you person to person on this subject, is there a number that you can be reached at, or is this a done deal? thanks

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