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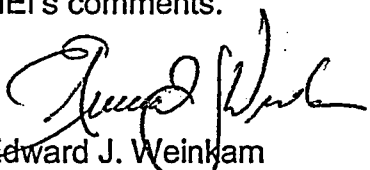
Comments on Proposed Rule: 10 CFR Part 26 "Fitness For Duty Programs"
(RIN 3150-AF12)

Nuclear Management Company, LLC* (NMC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule changes for 10 CFR Part 26 "Fitness For Duty Programs."

NMC endorses the comments made by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the industry in their letters dated December 20, 2005, for the drug and alcohol aspects of the proposed rule and for aspects relating to worker fatigue. NMC concurs with NEI's position that there is an excessive amount of layering of requirements that address worker fatigue. As proposed, these layered requirements may create unintended consequences and an unnecessary burden for the industry.

In particular, NMC supports the NEI alternative for the break requirements of 26.199(d)(2)(ii) and (iii), in lieu of the proposed requirements for a 24-hour break in any 7-day period, and a 48-hour break in any 14-day period. In addition, NMC concurs with NEI's position that the proposed collective work hour limits are unnecessary to mitigate the effects of cumulative fatigue and should be removed from the proposed rule except as currently applied to security officers.

NMC endorses the remaining major themes raised by NEI and encourages the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to strongly consider changes to the proposed rule in light of NEI's comments.


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Van,

Attached for docketing is a comment letter on the above noted proposed rule from Edward Weinkam, Nuclear Management Company, that I received via the rulemaking website on 12/22/05.

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