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Comment: This entire document contains requirements and recommendations that may have important impacts for nuclear industry workers, for their regulators, for the general public, for persons beyond the reach of our nation's regulatory authority and that of other nations, and for future populations worldwide, and far into the future.

Thus, a change of allowable radiation limits for a reactor operator in the United States today may – or may not—have negative impacts for a child in another part of the world, perhaps one not yet born. The adverse impacts of doses to the operator of a given plant in the center of our nation must also be taken into account in this international regulatory endeavor. When experienced in combination with other damaging radioactive conditions far away and over distant time into the future, the protection of the health and genetic integrity of us all, of our species, and others.

It is difficult to think in global terms. I do commend all who have tried within the limits of time and income to address this issue. But I also urge that we recognize that we have two choices. Either we plunge ahead with "all things nuclear", knowing that we are causing agony and premature death for others now and in the future (and here I speak as a breast cancer survivor) or we conclude that our planet has more than enough radiation and go about protecting the fragile beings we really are.

Thank you for requesting input from members of the public. Please hereafter be sure to include those who have a long history of participation in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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