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Dear Executive Secretary,

I enjoyed the recent trip down memory lane offered on the NRC Blog site by your NRC historian, Tom Wellock.

He reflected on the history & development of the so-called NRC Regulatory Principles, now a quarter-century old but still oh so appropriate.

Although the focus was on regulatory principles there is certainly a degree of overlap between those & reactor safety principles per se.

The following "core" values are not my own...but rather those that I have learned of over the years from some of the great folks I had the privilege of working with at the now shuttered Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station in Nebraska. I have simply listed some of those that still come to my old mind. (-)

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Reactor Core Golden Rule

Love the reactor core with all your heart, mind and strength, and love your reactor core support systems as you love the reactor core itself.

Reactor Core Values

- 1. Promote by every word and action a conservative approach to reactor safety.*
- 2. Always keep the reactor core covered and cooled.*
- 3. Always respect the reactor core and reactor technology.*
- 4. Balance the needs of production with the needs of safety but if there is any doubt see Value #1.*
- 5. Pay attention to detail. (It is said the devil is in the details. Salvation is in the details as well.)*
- 6. Question everything...Why? Why? Why?*
- 7. Practice "DUCS"-Distracted, Uncomfortable, Confused, STOP!*
- 8. Promote an open and honest safety culture where reasoned dissent is encouraged and retaliation for that dissent in any way is prohibited.*