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Secretary of the Commission
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Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

Comment was invited regarding NRC proposed rules for "Protection of Employees Who Provide Information", published in the Federal Register/Vol.45, NO.48/ March 10 1980.

This is simply too much. For twenty years I have worked in Nuclear Medicine, aided by a feeling of partnership with and admiration for the Atomic Energy Commission and its successor, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Slowly and steadily this relationship is being eroded and converted to an adversary relationship. The steady scientific reputation of the Commission has faded, to be replaced by a politically oriented force buffeted by the winds of public opinion fads. The Commission appears to distrust its licensees, and a policy of help and progress is being replaced by a policy of suspiciousness and punishment.

Now you offer a system fitting of this paranoia, an informer system. You now offer to protect employees who provide "information to include not only information on radiological working conditions but also information on anti-trust, safety, and security matters." You further offer to punish employers or licensees who discriminate against such informers.

Is it really necessary to take more freedom and liberty from your people? What will you gain by turning employee against employer? Sometime, someday, this trend must stop!

Please record my negative vote regarding your proposed new rule change.

Sincerely yours,

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