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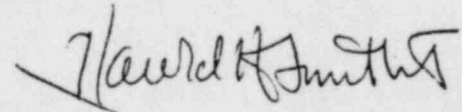
Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

I am responding to an article published in the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times regarding the need for drug/alcohol screening of nuclear plant workers. I am in favor of psychological evaluation of prospective nuclear facility employees, periodic reevaluation of psychological functioning of these employees, and random urine drug screening.

I oppose "psychological evaluation" based only upon the use of a singular test instrument, such as the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory. There should be a specific blood-alcohol level limit established for these employees: no alcohol in the blood.

Sincerely,



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Dear Whoever —

You evidently asked for suggestions (as reported in enclosed article). The tests the NRC uses are not enough. My husband is an <sup>industrial</sup> psychologist; & we all know that nuclear demands a new & different standard of performance than any present employment tests because nuclear is different, & the most dangerous energy we have anywhere in the world. Employment in these plants <sup>should not be based on</sup> ~~is based on~~ any run-of-the-mill employment test standard! This energy is lethal beyond previous experience.

① Any potential employees for nuclear plants should be mature, experienced (his standards should be set re "experience") and knowledgeable re nuclear potential. (over)

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② They should be investigated by the FBI, as some other jobs are investigated by them, since we are dealing with the most important & lethal energy plant. Some employees <sup>in other industries or gov. jobs</sup> are investigated over months before accepted. With this lethal energy (which can't be considered safe in buildings that can't last more than 30 years) only the safest & best employees should be hired. And poor & careless construction <sup>nowadays</sup> o.k. la. la.

I understand how stupid & very young are hired because they can not get jobs elsewhere & hence can be hired more cheaply! And, they don't understand the workings of the total plant & its hazardous potential, even if they are taught how to do their one little routine job. Also, people now understand nuclear better than they used to & hence are more apprehensive about applying because they know

Why not  
investigate  
Reasons  
Safety?

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the dangers,

We have the FBI investigate employees whose jobs have nothing to do with the Safety of millions of lines of people. Why would we not have these important (or should be considered so) employees investigated re their pasts? If they have any record of drug use they should not be considered even at the outset, not hired & then fired when drug use is detected on the job! That is too late.

Please listen to the people whose lives are at stake. This Administration does not have a mandate to kill millions of people just because its Pres



was elected out of affability,  
good looks, and a pretty (if  
empty) wife as his hostess.  
Please listen to the rest of  
us who do not want to be  
killed; do not want our  
species to become extinct; and  
do not want our planet  
Earth to become <sup>a place</sup> to die because  
of carelessness.  
Please listen?

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## Drug-use comments Sought by NRC

*Santa Barbara News Press*

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An increasing number of employees at nuclear power generating plants are working under the influence of drugs, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reports, and it wants public comment on how to deal with the problem.

"The number of reported drug-related incidents in which licensee or contractor employees were arrested or terminated has increased substantially over the last three years," the NRC said.

In 1979 there was one such incident. This increased to five in 1980 and to 12 last year, according to the commission.

"The incidents have involved both on-site use or possession of drugs and personnel reporting to work under the influence of drugs," the NRC reported.

*not enough*  
The NRC has set up a Drug Abuse Task Force to cope with the problem. The commission proposes to require that nuclear plant operators set up procedures to make sure that personnel in sensitive jobs or locations are seeing things clearly.

"The commission is requesting public comment on the use of breath tests, psychological tests, behavioral observation programs and other possible implementation programs," the NRC said.

Comments on the proposed new rules should be submitted to the Docketing and Service Branch, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555.