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Secretary of the Commission
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Dear Commisioners:

For many years I have felt that nuclear power should play some role in our energy balance, especially with the greenhouse implications of fossil fuels. However, I have been unwilling to advocate this position because I have little confidence in the degree of training of nuclear power plant operators. With *laissez-faire* economics, it is just a matter of time until concern for profit will drive the safety factor too low.

I am therefore encouraged to see that there are two proposed rules that will partially alleviate my concern. The rule limiting working hours and the rule protecting whistle-blowers are badly overdue. I urge you to pass them forthwith and to enforce them vigorously.

I would also urge that all nuclear power workers have graduated from accredited degree programs and that they be members of an independent nuclear guild, analogous to the American Medical Association (not a union), but I understand that this issue is not on the table. I do hope you will move favorably on the two proposed rules.

Yours sincerely,

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