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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Secretary of the Commission:

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I am writing in support of two new proposed rules.

A nuclear power plant accident can hurt thousands of people and cause long-lasting harm to the environment. The workers at these plants are the first line of defense against such a disaster. The workers test and inspect safety equipment and follow emergency procedures when equipment malfunctions to lessen the consequences of an accident.

Please enter these comments into the record to support:

Proposed Rule #1 - To establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants to prevent fatigue from impairing nuclear plant worker performance.

Proposed Rule #2 - To provide training on employee protection regulations to supervisors, managers, and directors: this will protect nuclear "whistleblowers" - the plant workers who conscientiously raise safety concerns.

These rules are necessary in order to:

- prevent fatigued workers from repairing, inspecting, and testing safety equipment when nuclear power plants are operating or shut down;
- prevent fear from causing nuclear plant workers to remain silent about safety problems;

- prevent supervisors, managers, and directors from using "ignorance of the law" as a shield for their illegal actions;

- protect the public and the environment from a nuclear power plant accident.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jane Kelly

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Barbara Lee