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Secretary of the Commission
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Dear Secretary:

Please support the two rules that have been proposed to ensure that the first line of defense against a nuclear power plant disaster is a staff of workers free from fatigue and free from fear of illegal discrimination. Proposed Rule #1 is to establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants. The second proposed rule is to give training on employee protection regulations to supervisors, managers, and directors. This second proposal will protect nuclear whistle-blowers! Nuclear plant owners must train supervisors and managers on the subject of the employee protection regulations.

These rules are essential to preventing fatigue of plant workers and preventing tired workers from repairing, inspecting and testing safety equipment. These two rules will prevent fear from causing workers to be silent about safety problems. The rules will prevent

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supervisors, managers, and directors from using "ignorance of the law" as a defense for their illegal actions! These rules will protect the public and the environment from a nuclear plant accident.

We need to act soon! Please study and accept these two rules for safety's sake! Thank you!

Sincerely,
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