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

Dear Sir:

I am writing with reference to NRC's regulations regarding the safety of workers and the safety of the general public and the environment. It is essential that you establish strict limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants. In addition, stringent training on employee protection should be required for supervisors, managers, and directors. This is as an effort to prevent fatigue from impairing nuclear plant worker performance when repairing, inspecting, and testing safety equipment. This is important both when nuclear power plants are operating and when they are in the process of being shut down.

I am sure that you better aware of the problems associated with the operation of nuclear facilities than I am, but I felt that I should add my encouragement to you in facilitating your handling of these problems. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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