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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to encourage the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to support both the working hour limits and the employee protection training regulations that have been proposed.

These rules are as follows:

- \*Proposed rule #1- To establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants.
- \* Proposed rule #2 - To establish limits on employee protection regulations to supervisors, managers, and directors.

The most important reason is to protect the public and the environment from a nuclear power accident. This, obviously, will affect all of us, and therefore we should be working together to avoid such a calamity.

Because so many accidents are a result of human error, preventing employee fatigue is of utmost importance. This pertains to not only the running to the but also to the repairing, inspecting and testing of the plants safety equipment whether nuclear power plants are running or shut down.

Workers should not be put in a situation where they fear speaking up about problems they see occurring at the plant. They have first hand knowledge of of safety problems, and should be given every encouragement to report any problems regarding wear and tear, malfunctions, etc.

Unfortunately, profit motives can cause problems of worker fatigue and safety issues to be overlooked. Environmental concerns should outweigh any profit motive because the consequences of a nuclear power plant accident can be disasterous. There are literally hunderds of these plants. It will take the utmost vigilance to insure that NONE of these plants has a problem. The best way to insure that these plants remain safe is to make sure that EVERYONE works together on safety issues. Supporting these proposed rules are a step in the right direction. And ignorance of the law should be no excuse for safety violations.

Sincerely,

Carol Kurz