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Secretary of the Commission
U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Secretary of the Commission:

It has come to my attention that the NRC will reach decisions on two proposed rules intended to make sure that nuclear workers are an effective line of defense against a nuclear accident. This is welcome news since we are all aware of the potential a nuclear power plant has to hurt thousands of people and to cause long lasting damage to the environment.

I urge you to support both rules to ensure that this first line of defense is staffed by workers who are free from both fatigue and fear of illegal discrimination.


My understanding is that these rules are essential to prevent fatigue from impairing nuclear plant worker performance and to prevent fatigued workers from repairing, inspecting, and testing safety equipment when nuclear power plants are operating or shut down.

It is also essential that workers do not fear speaking up about potential safety problems and that supervisors, managers and directors cannot use "ignorance of the law" as a shield for the illegal actions.

The Federal government imposes working hour limits on truck drivers and airline pilot to protect the public from fatigued workers. Isn't it time for the Federal government to impose working hour limits on employees at nuclear power plants that can be enforced whether plants are running or not.

We, the public, depend on you for protection from potentially deadly nuclear accidents.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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