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Dear Commission Secretary,

We have many serious concerns about the safety of nuclear power plants. We are, therefore, writing to urge your support of two proposed rules to protect people from nuclear power plant employees who are fatigued from too long hours and who are afraid to speak out about unsafe conditions.

- 1.) We ask you to adopt Rule #1 which sets definite limits on the number of hours that a nuclear power plant employee can work inspecting, repairing or testing safety equipment; this should apply whether the plant is operating or shut down. These need to be made mandatory; simply to offer these limits as guidelines is not good enough.
- 2.) We ask that Rule #2 to protect whistle blowers from being fired, harassed or intimidated in any way be adopted. Power plant owners should be required to train supervisors and managers on the employee protection regulations so that supervisors and managers cannot plead ignorance when breaking employee protection regulations. Simply fining a power plant, especially when the fine is less than the loss of a day's "shut down", will do nothing to deter the company from repeating a breaking of the law if it sees this is to its financial advantage.

We expect the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to act to protect the public. Preventing another Three Mile Island or Chernobyl is necessary not only to protect the American people but also to protect ALL the world's people as well as ALL other forms of life now and for MANY generations to come.

Again, we urge your support of the two proposed rules. Thanks you for your attention to our concerns. We would appreciate a reply.

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