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Dear Secretary:

I strongly encourage the NRC to establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants *and* to require nuclear plant owners to train supervisors and managers on the NRC's employee protection regulations.

Establishing limits on employee working hours is essential for safety. As a college professor, I can attest to the fact that people (students, in my case) perform far below their potential when fatigued. For college students, the results are simply lower grades; for nuclear power plant employees, the results could be catastrophic.

Educating supervisors, managers, and directors about "whistle-blower" protection laws would protect workers who bring up safety concerns at nuclear power plants from harassment and intimidation. Since such workers are the first line of preventative defense from a nuclear accident, failing to enforce the current protective laws for such employees based on some type of "ignorance of the law" rationale is not a coherent policy.

I trust you will do the logical thing and institute both of these proposed rules.

Sincerely,



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