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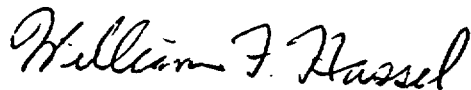
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

I am writing you regarding some proposed rule changes regarding nuclear power plants. One of these addresses limits on employee working hours (Proposed Rule #1). Since the operation of a nuclear plant affects public safety, as a Safety Engineer I am concerned with allowing workers to perform operation, maintenance or repair duties for excessively long hours, allowing deterioration of their attentiveness to their job. Therefore, I urge you to approve the proposed change in working hour limits.

The other item of interest to me is the proposal to provide proper training to the supervisory staff on employee protection regulations. The public depends for its safety partially on the actions of "whistle-blowers", who report broken equipment and violations of regulations which affect safety when management doesn't listen or respond. Such people should be commended instead of being fired, as often happens. So I urge you also to approve Proposed Rule #2.

Yours sincerely,



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