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Secretary of the Commission
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Dear Secretary:

I am writing to urge the adoption of two proposed rules before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The first is a proposal to establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants. The second is a proposal to protect whistleblowers by requiring that management personnel at nuclear plants be educated on employee protection regulations.

Limiting employee working hours at a nuclear power plant seems like a real no-brainer to me. I was appalled to learn that such a rule was not already in effect. I feel kind of like a sky diver about to make a jump, having just been informed that my parachute was folded by someone who hadn't slept for 17 hours. Putting a nuclear power plant in the hands of fatigued workers, whether they are handling the plutonium or doing a safety inspection, is just crazy.

As to educating management about employee protection regulations, ... Sorry, but that one's a no-brainer, too. Do we really intend to protect whistleblowers, or are those regulations a cynical sop to public opinion? In an industry as perilous as the nuclear energy industry, can we afford not to protect whistleblowers?

Please adopt these common-sense rules.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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