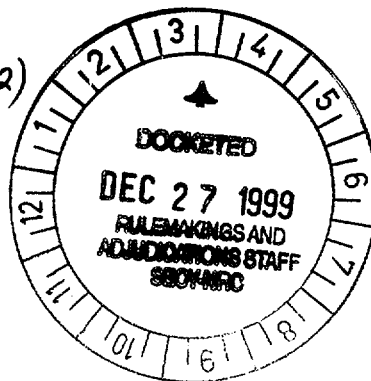


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Secretary of the Commission
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to encourage the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to adopt rules to 1) limit working hours by workers in nuclear facilities and 2) require training of supervisors in nuclear facilities about regulations regarding the rights of whistleblowers. These rules are essential in order to

- prevent fatigue from impairing nuclear plant worker performance
- prevent fatigued workers from repairing, inspecting, and testing safety equipment when nuclear power plants are operating or shut down
- prevent fear from causing nuclear plant workers to remain silent about safety problems
- prevent supervisors, managers, and directors from using "ignorance of the law" as a shield for illegal firing of whistleblowers

These rules will help to protect the public and the environment from a nuclear power plant accident.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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