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Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

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Because a nuclear power plant accident can injure many & cause long term environmental damage it is important to utilize all resources to promote safety. One very important aspect of encouraging workers on the front line to come forward with legitimate safety concerns.

It is therefor important to ensure whistle blowers are not subject to harassment and intimidation. The NRC has rules that provide such protection, but in the past, retaliators have eluded proper consequences for their retaliatory behavior by pleading ignorance. It makes sense to provide training to s to supervisors, managers, and directors regarding these protections to legitimate whistle blowers. That will not only insure that future retaliators cannot claim ignorance, but also serve to inform all plant workers that conscientiously raising safety concerns is safe & desirable behavior.

Such a rule would go a long way toward preventing prevent fear from causing nuclear plant workers to remain silent about safety problems, and preventing supervisors, managers, and directors from using "ignorance of the law" as a shield for their illegal actions. This would protect the public and the environment from a nuclear power plant accident.

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