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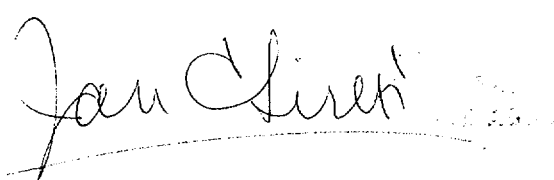
To: Whom It May Concern

I am writing as a private citizen.

***The following comment concerns Proposed Rule #1 on employee working hour limits.***

Protection of the public from the adverse consequences of nuclear power plant accidents must be the highest priority, not only during the hours of operation of the plants, but also during down-time for refueling, periodic maintenance, and plant modifications and upgrades. Fatigued workers cannot be expected to perform at full efficiency. Therefore, the proposed rule regarding limiting employee working hours is the minimum reasonable action that should be taken to prevent avoidable accidents due to worker fatigue, and thereby protect the safety of the public.

Sincerely,



Jan C. Siren

cc: Union of Concerned Scientists

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