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I write to support the proposed rule changes that will extend limits on working hours for nuclear power plant employees and that will protect those employees from retaliation when safety problems are reported.

Individuals engaged in safety activities require constant attention and are subject to fatigue, with the ensuing decline in the ability to make critical judgments and decisions. Trade shows and seminars often have mandatory limits on working time. It is at least as important to extend the same protection to persons controlling nuclear power plants.

These employees should also be protected, in no other way can the public be protected from potential danger, when they report safety problems or hazardous conditions. In an automated and highly complex world there have been too many instances of corporate malfeasance hidden from regulators by threats to employees of retaliation measures.

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