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Dear Sir or Madame,

Attached is our request that the NRC extend the comment period on the Draft Criteria for Determining Feasibility of Manual Actions To Achieve Post-Fire Safe Shutdown.

Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
RE: Draft Criteria for Determining Feasibility of Manual Actions To
Achieve Post-Fire Safe Shutdown

Dear Sir or Madame:

Greenpeace is requesting that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) extend the public comment period for Draft Criteria for Determining Feasibility of Manual Actions To Achieve Post-Fire Safe Shutdown. (68 FR 66501, November 26, 2003.) The NRC's attempt to expedite this rulemaking after years of failing to enforce fire protection regulations only serves to reinforce the negative perception of the NRC held by many members of the public.

While others in the public interest community have already requested a thirty-day extension of the comment period, we believe the regulatory sleight of hand being attempted by this agency warrants an additional 60-day review. Since the NRC has allowed the nuclear industry to continue to operate their reactors for years despite being unable to actually comply with fire protection regulations, a total of 90 days for the public to review NRC's deregulatory effort does not seem unreasonable.

Sincerely,

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