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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

Re: DRAFT CRITERIA ON MANUAL ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE POST-FIRE SAFE SHUTDOWN

As a result of the near catastrophic fire at Browns Ferry nuclear power station in 1975, I understand the NRC is mandated by federal law to require electrical systems used for the automated shutdown of the reactor from the control room be maintained free from fire damage in the event of a serious fire. I am opposed to the proposed relaxation of enforcement of current fire code that would allow non-compliant reactor operators to sacrifice automated reactor shutdown electrical systems and instead substitute non-validated manual actions that as I understand it increase unacceptable and undue risks to public health and safety and the environment in the event of fire.

Sincerely,

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