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

To Whom It May Concern:

As a result of the near catastrophic fire at Browns Ferry nuclear power station in 1975, 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 increase unacceptable and undue risks to public health and safety and the environment in the event of fire.

Here in the Quad Cities, our own reactors fell under serious fire safety violations between 1997 and 1998. If not for the fines imposed upon the utility by your organization, they would not have developed adequate systems to ensure operability of post-fire safe shutdown. These systems are necessary to ensure public health and safety. Please do not relax them.

Sincerely,

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