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RE: PUBLIC COMMENT ON 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.

I live 12 miles from the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. This past Monday our coast was rocked with a 6.5 magnitude earthquake, the aftershocks of which I am feeling even at the moment I am typing this e-mail. It is clear that disaster, natural or man-made can strike a reactor at any time, and only the most stringent requirement for automated safety and system redundancy should be permitted.

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