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Subject: RE: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT CRITERIA ON MANUAL ACTIONS TO ACHIEVEPOST-FIRE SAFE SHUTDOWN

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Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Rules and Directives Branch Chief:

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.

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