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I am writing to protest the easing of fire protection regulations that affect fire barriers protecting electrical cables in nuclear reactors. I understand that the most commonly used fire barrier, Thermo-Lag, repeatedly failed safety tests and was ordered removed by utilities at the NRC's direction back in the 1990s. It was to be replaced by new fire barrier systems. Now I understand that these systems are still not in place in most reactors, and the NRC is now proposing new rules allowing utilities to rely on plant workers manually shutting down reactors in case of a fire! It's time to insist that utilities protect against the risk of fire (and ultimately the risk of a reactor meltdown) by using effective up-to-date automatic fire barrier systems.

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