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RE: Public comment on draft criteria on manual actions to achieve post-fire safe shutdown

Concerning the federal law to require electrical systems used for the automated shutdown of the reactor from the control room to be maintained free from fire damage in the event of a serious fire: I am opposed to the proposed relaxation of enforcement of the current fire code. Such changes would increase unacceptable risks to the public.

Sincerely,

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