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Subject: Nuclear plants need stronger safety codes, not weaker

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Dear Chief Rules & Directives Bra,

Right now, there are nuclear power plants that do not meet the basic fire safety regulations in nearly a dozen states! This puts communities at risk of serious nuclear accidents resulting from fires inside nuclear power plants. Instead of exempting these plants from meeting fire safety regulations, we need to demand they come into compliance.

I am a professional engineer with work experience in electric utilities, nuclear power plant design, and hazardous waste. Over my 25 year career I have been involved in both design safety reviews and in accident investigations. I have personally seen the benefits of strict fire safety codes. With advancing design technology and increasing concern about worker and environmental safety codes need to become stricter with time, not more lenient.

Please consider this an official comment.

Sincerely,

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