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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 beyond outraged to learn of your plans to relax enforcement of fire safety regulations for nuclear power plants! These regulations were written as the result of a near catastrophic fire in 1975, and since that event there are still many plants which have not come into compliance. Weakening the regulations will put communities, the environment and workers at serious risk of nuclear accidents. It is your responsibility to protect people. At a minimum, the automated shutdown equipment should be safe during a fire. Instead of weakening fire codes, you should enforce the law and require that all plants comply with the strictest standards for fire safety. I do not believe nuclear power is safe under any circumstances, nor is it clean or efficient, but if we are going to have it we should have the strongest safeguards in place. Please consider this an official comment.

Sincerely,

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