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To U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

Due to the near catastrophic fire at Browns Ferry nuclear power plant in 1975, the NRC is mandated by federal law to require electrical systems used for automatic shutdown of the reactor from the control room be kept free from fire damage in the event of a serious fire.

We are most strongly opposed to the proposed relaxation of enforcement of the current fire code that would permit non-compliant reactor operators to sacrifice automated reactor shutdown electrical systems. Substituting non-validated manual actions would increase totally unacceptable and undue risks to public health as well as the environment in case of fire.

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