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Dear Mr. Lesar,

It's frightening to learn that nuclear power plants in nearly a dozen states don't meet basic fire safety regulations! Instead of virtually exempting these plants from the regulations, as the NRC proposes, they should be required to come into compliance. |

Relaxing fire safety rules to no longer require automated backup shutdown systems means plants may have a hard time preventing meltdown during a fire. Workers could be called upon to perform dangerous or even suicidal actions to get to manual controls in a burning area. Even then it might be impossible to shut the plant down.

The regulations were written to fix problems exposed by a 1975 accident. It's time every plant is required to meet their requirements. At a minimum, the automated shutdown equipment should be safe during a fire. The violations are a danger to workers and communities and an invitation to terrorists.

Sincerely,



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