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Dear Nuclear Reg Comm,

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 was 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 many plants still have not come into compliance. Weakening the regulations will put communities, the environment and workers at serious risk of nuclear accidents. 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. Please consider this an official comment.

Nuclear power plants should be completely eliminated. But as long as we have these horribly dangerous radiation factories, the least you can do is not make them more unsafe than they already are.

Sincerely,

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