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Thanks for the heads up.

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From Today's Nuclear News Flashes:

--NRC SHOULD BE CRACKING DOWN ON REACTOR OPERATORS WHO AREN'T COMPLYING with the agency's fire protection regulations rather than "weakening" the rules, argued two Democratic lawmakers. Reps. Edward Markey (Mass.) and John Dingell (Mich.) condemned NRC for proposing changes they say will water down regulations, in particular by allowing licensees to rely on reactor operators to shut a plant if a fire breaks out rather than ensuring fire protection through the use of appropriate barrier materials or physical separation of safe shutdown systems. The congressmen named 25 units that they said represented a "partial list" of those that are out of compliance with NRC regulations. Markey challenged the agency to reverse its course on this issue. "This month marks the 25th anniversary of the Three Mile Island- 2 accident," he said. "If there's anything that we should have learned...it is that we need both strong technical and safety systems and well-trained reactor personnel to assure nuclear safety."

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