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Subject: [External_Sender] proposed federal rule reducing and/or eliminating Emergency Planning Zones (EMZs) around some new reactors
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to oppose the proposed federal rule reducing and/or eliminating Emergency Planning Zones (EMZs) around some new reactors, including NuScale in Idaho. I think these planning zones are very important and should not be reduced or eliminated.

NuScale should be treated as any other nuclear reactor. The NuScale facility is not small. It would be a cluster of one dozen 50 MW reactors equivalent to one 600MG reactor and in an emergency the results could be large. In addition, there is no evidence that new reactors will be safer than old ones. These new reactors have no track record since they haven't been built. The rules should not be changed just because the nuclear industry claims they will be safer.

The proposed rule is flawed because a single small reactor could still have a large release. The rules need to protect public health in the event of a nuclear reactor accident.

Sincerely,
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