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In the Matter of Eliminating Non Combustibility Requirement for Fire
Barrier. NRC Info Notice 99 176 8-13-99.

Commissioners:

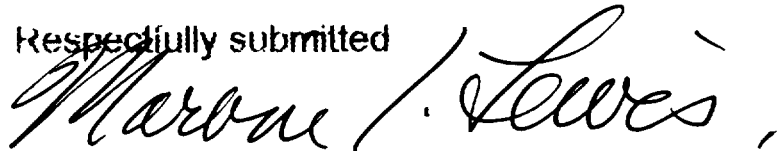
I have commented upon hundreds of NRC regulations. The
NRC has changed a few to meet the omissions and commissions to
which I have commented. This elimination of non-combustibility must
be the most egregious and dangerous subsidy to the nuclear industry
since the secretive and speedy ok that the Commission gave to TMI
#2 to load fuel just before the accident there.

Just on its face, any fool can see that you do not use
combustible materials to make a fire barrier. Any engineering analysis
which would propose such a solution to the problem that combustible
materials have been improperly used in fire barriers reeks of
collusion with the perpetrators.

The NRC needs to act like a regulator and not a handmaiden to
the regulated industry.

I wish that I could say,

Respectfully submitted



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