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General Comment

I am opposed to the Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors and Other New Technologies; Proposed Rule.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's proposal to dramatically shrink the emergency preparedness zones around new nuclear reactors comes at the same time federal regulators have raised concerns about the safety of the design of these new reactors.

The fact that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's proposal has been met with strong opposition by the commissioners within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and by officials at FEMA speaks volumes in regards to how reckless this proposal truly is. Nuclear Regulatory

Commissioner Jeff Baran opposed the new proposal, calling it "a radical departure from more than 40 years of radiological emergency planning." He also expressed concerns that the proposal didn't consider enough scenarios, like an accident involving multiple small modular reactors.