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Ms. Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff
Washington, DC 20555-0001,

RE: Docket No. NRC-2017-0132

Dear Ms. Cook,

On behalf of the International Code Council and its 64,000 members, I would like to add our support to open the discussion for regulations pertaining to acceptable substitutions for compliance with fire protection regulations following identification of a deficiency at regulated facilities.

Publishers of the *International Building Code*[®] and *International Fire Code*[®] and many other model codes, the ICC is ready to assist your agency in this effort. The International family of codes includes provisions that identify roles and responsibilities for fire watch personnel and impairment coordinators when required fire protection features are out of service.

We look forward to the opportunity to comment on these proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Neale". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rob Neale, Vice President
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