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SUBJECT: Advises of intention to leave hoses connected to hydrants in
 hose houses effective 800801. Proposed change will reduce
 time required to set up station in preparation for fire
 fighting.

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Storage of Hose in Outdoor Hose Houses

Section 3.1.11.B paragraph (5) of the Monticello Fire Protection Safety Evaluation Report issued by the NRC Staff on August 20, 1979, states that, "Hose stored in hose houses will not be connected to the hydrant outlets". We believe the hoses in our hose houses should be connected to the hydrant. We have recently replaced our linen hoses with synthetic lined hoses which are not subject to rot or mildew as the previous linen hoses were. There no longer appears to be a good reason for leaving these hoses disconnected.

The National Fire Code (Volume 2, Section 24, page 30, paragraph A-5-1.3) recommends that these hoses be left attached to the hydrant ready for use. If the hoses are left connected to the hydrant, this will reduce the time required to set up a hose station in preparation for fighting a fire. For this reason we propose to leave hoses connected to hydrants in hose houses at the Monticello facility. This change will be made August 1, 1980.

Please contact us if you have any questions related to this matter.

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