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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS TESTING OF THE NEW THREE WHITE FLINT NORTH
(3WFN) HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS CENTER (HOC)

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Test notifications for the "Physical Attack" procedure will be performed in early August. The NRC will conduct a full functional test of our fast dial conferencing system which calls all of the licensees in an NRC Region and places the calls into a telephone conference bridge. These tests will also utilize the temporary telephone number. The licensees will be requested to remain on the line while the Headquarters Operations Officer conducts a role call to verify that all the participants can communicate in the conference. This will take approximately 15 minutes. This will be coordinated through NRC Headquarter, Regional Offices, and with the licensees during the Headquarters Operations Officer's morning status call.

The normal NRC HOC telephone number (301-816-5100) remains active for all emergency and non-emergency notifications. This number will be directed to the new HOC after the new HOC is fully functional.

Your questions concerning this testing may be directed to:

- Bill Gott, NRC, Operations Branch Chief: (301) 287-9256 or william.gott@nrc.gov
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