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## BOSTON EDISON COMPANY STATUS REPORT #7 ON REPLACEMENT FACILITY FOR WELLESLEY RECEPTION CENTER

Attached is Boston Edison's seventh report on the status of efforts to establish a replacement facility for the Wellesley Reception Center. The information contained in this report primarily concerns actions that have been undertaken by Boston Edison Company in support of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) which is responsible for Radiological Emergency Response Planning in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Insofar as this report concerns the actions or activities of any entity other than Boston Edison Company, we have attempted to verify such information and it is our belief all such information is accurate. Please be advised that any views or opinions that may be expressed in this document are those of Boston Edison Company and do not necessarily represent the views of MEMA or any other state or local agency.

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# BOSTON EDISON WELLESLEY RECEPTION CENTER RELOCATION PROGRESS STATUS REPORT NO. 7 February 28, 1994

#### INTRODUCTION

This is the seventh in a series of reports on the progress of establishing a replacement location for the Wellesley Massachusetts Highway Department Reception Center. These reports will be submitted on a monthly basis until the new reception center is functional.

The efforts and schedules described herein are those of Boston Edison Company in support of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) which has overall responsibility for Radiological Emergency Response planning in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any views or opinions expressed within are those of Boston Edison and do not necessarily represent the views of MEMA or other state and local agencies.

#### BACKGROUND

The Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) facility in Wellesley, Massachusetts, has been functioning as one of the three reception centers for evacuees from a potential emergency at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. Boston Edison holds a letter of agreement with MHD for use of the facility in support of MEMA's Radiological Response Plan.

On April 27, 1993, MHD notified Boston Edison that it would terminate this agreement on December 31, 1993, (Boston Edison has since, based on a letter from MHD dated September 9, 1993, received an extension for use of the Wellesley facility until March 31, 1994) and that the MHD volunteer emergency workers would be reallocated and, therefore, unavailable to perform as emergency workers at the Wellesley facility. In subsequent letters to MEMA and the NRC, FEMA expressed its concern over the impending loss of the facility and much of the key staff.

Sharing FEMA's concern that an alternate reception center be identified, the NRC, by letter dated June 29, 1993, (Mr. Ronald Eaton to Mr. E. Thomas Boulette) requested a schedule of BECo's progress to date and monthly updates until the new reception center is functional.

As discussed in Status Report #4 dated November 23, 1993, the South Weymouth Naval Air Station in South Weymouth, MA has been identified by MEMA as the replacement for the Wellesley facility. This report will continue to reference activities related both to the new facility to be located at South Weymouth as well as activities related to the continued interim utilization of the Wellesley Facility.

#### PLANS/PROCEDURES

- South Weymouth
  - MEMA finished a review of the draft plans/procedures for S. Weymouth Reception Center on January 27, 1994, and their comments have been incorporated. Boston Edison and MEMA furnished copies of Rev. 0 to FEMA for their review at a February 10, 1994 meeting.

#### STAFFING

- · Wellesley
  - Wellesley continues to be fully staffed.
- South Weymouth
  - There are now 145 volunteers in the S. Weymouth Reception Center organization. This is more than enough to fill the 84 positions required by the plan/procedures.

#### TRAINING

- South Weymouth
  - Required classroom training sessions started on January 18, 1994, and additional classes were conducted on January 24, 25, and 26, 1994. Other classroom sessions will be held on March 2, 3, 8 and 9, 1994 to ensure that everyone has had an opportunity to attend a classroom session.
  - Practicals and drills started with a Reception Center practical on February 1, 1994. Additional sessions were held on February 7, 16, 17 and 19, 1994. FEMA is scheduled to observe the full drill to be held on March 12, 1994.

#### FACILITY/EQUIPMENT

- · Wellesley Facility
  - Equipment necessary to operate the Wellesley Reception Center is currently being maintained at the MHD facility. It will not be moved until the turnover to S.
     Weymouth.
- South Weymouth
  - Communications equipment including the Digital Notification Network (DNN),
     BECONS, and Commercial Telephones have been installed in the Command Center and Reception Center.

#### OFFSITE PROGRAM SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

- South Weymouth
  - The Evacuation Time Estimate Contractor, funded by Boston Edison, has completed the road survey study for South Weymouth. The study was delivered to Boston Edison on February 28, 1994.

- The addendum to the 1994 Calendar/Brochure reflecting S. Weymouth as the reception center was reviewed and approved by MEMA on February 25, 1994. MEMA is scheduled to review and give final approval of the blueline the first week of March, 1994.
- The 1994 Visitor Brochure and 1994 Placard was reviewed and approved by MEMA also on February 16, 1994 and sent to the printer for a blueline on February 25, 1994. MEMA is scheduled to review and give final approval of the blueline the first week of March, 1994.

#### SCHEDULE

Attached are two schedules dated February 28, 1994 which represent updates of the schedules originally provided with Status Report #1. The two schedules are focused upon the two avenues on which Boston Edison is providing assistance to MEMA. Those two avenues are the continued interim use of the Wellesley facility and the development of a replacement reception center facility.

Boston Edison provided the attached schedules to MEMA on March 2, 1994. The schedules represent Boston Edison's suggested timeframes in which to accomplish the required tasks. The timeframes are not intended to represent deadlines but, rather, target dates/goals.



