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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: LOCATION OF ENS AND HPN PHONES IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE FACILITIES

10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.E.9 requires that nuclear power reactor licensees provide for communications by the licensee with NRC Headquarters and the appropriate NRC Regional Operations Center from the nuclear power reactor control room, the onsite technical support center, and the near-site emergency operations facility.

As guidance on this subject, NUREG-0696, "Functional Criteria for Emergency Response Facilities," states:

The TSC voice communications equipment should include:

- . Hotline telephone (located in the NRC consultation room) on the NRC emergency notification system (ENS) to the NRC Operations Center.
- . Dedicated telephone (located in the NRC consultation room) on the NRC health physics network (HPN).

The EOF voice communications equipment should include:

- . Hotline telephone (located in the NRC office space) on the NRC emergency notification system (ENS) to the NRC Operations Center.
- . Dedicated telephone (located in the NRC office space) on the NRC health physics network (HPN).

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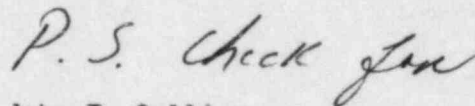
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As licensees have installed communications equipment to comply with the regulations, they have been very cooperative in complying with the guidance in NUREG-0696. However, when NUREG-0696 was written, the NRC did not anticipate the variety of layouts that would be used for the emergency response facilities. In some cases, the NRC consultation room/office space is not close to the central operations/assessment area. This limits the monitoring ability of the individuals using the ENS or HPN lines. In addition, the NRC is considering the replacement of the HPN lines with Federal Telecommunications System (FTS) lines with potential relocation of these phones. Initially, FTS lines will be installed in the Resident Inspector's office and the operations area of the emergency operations facility. The existing HPN service will not be removed until the FTS service is fully implemented.

Therefore, in order to achieve a mutually acceptable concept of operations for these communication lines, you are requested to work with this office in determining the optimal locations for these phones. As you reach decision points, or should you have any questions on this matter, please contact J. B. Baird, Emergency Response Coordinator, Region IV, telephone number 817/860-8185.

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