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Subject: Mobile Siren Surveillance Testing

- References:
- 1) LQ48200024; J. M. Pilant to J. T. Collins, dated March 12, 1982
 - 2) NRC Inspection Report, Docket 50-298/82-11, dated August 9, 1982
 - 3) NRC Inspection Report, Docket 50-298/88-02, dated February 24, 1988
 - 4) NLS8800177, G. A. Trevors to USNRC, dated April 5, 1988, NPPD Response to IR 88-02

The District committed to verify the operability of mobile sirens used for emergency notification, on a four month frequency, in Reference 1. As documented in a followup inspection (Reference 2), the NRC required a one-hundred percent surveillance test of each mobile siren every four months, instead of an audit. Reference 3 identified that the District had deviated from the above requirement, in that since November of 1982, random test sampling was performed instead of 100% surveillance testing. The District responded in Reference 4 that the deviation resulted from a failure to recognize that the NRC required 100% testing, and further that the scope of the District's testing of the mobile sirens was under review.

The District has determined that a reduction in the frequency of the District's mobile siren testing is justified, primarily because the mobile sirens are no longer the primary means of notification of the public in the event of an emergency. The primary means of emergency notification consists of fixed sirens and Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) radios.

Therefore, the District's Emergency Preparedness Department will conduct operability testing of approximately one-fourth of the mobile sirens on a quarterly basis. This will assure that each mobile siren is tested once each year by NPPD personnel. The District's Quality Assurance Department will perform semi-annual surveillances of the quarterly mobile siren testing.


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