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Executive Director for Operations

Did you know General Finley, the Adjutant General for the State of Kansas is closing the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is a 24 hour central location for contact of all state emergencies?

We feel this is a very questionable move as we are the only central location to accept these calls on a 24 hour basis.

The Center handles all hazardous material incidents/accidents, Wolf Creek nuclear incidents, which require immediate notification of all parties involved. The release of the EBS announcement must take place within 15 minutes of a Site Area Emergency is received from KG&E.

Notification of proper personnel and announcement times are essential for the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant and cannot be properly responded to by supervisor personnel wearing beepers after business hours.

The Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant is the number one priority for this Center. How can it be monitored properly and really be a number one priority if there is no one to monitor the warning system?

At the Center we also man the National Attack Warning System (NAWAS) and we make sure the system is kept in top condition by calling roll across the state every 8-hour period. If ever there was an attack on the U.S. we would be warned immediately.

Other states have 24 hour centers to deal with serious spills, fires and weather problems. How can any of these incidents be properly dealt with when no one will be monitoring the teletypes and NAWAS?

Please check into this. It is of great concern to us all.

You can express concerns and have questions answered by Col. Mahlon Weed, Deputy Director, Division of Emergency Preparedness, Box C-300, Topeka, Kansas 66601.

You may also contact Governor Mike Hayden at the State Capitol Building, 2nd floor, Topeka, Kansas 66612.

Your concern and response in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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