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Mr. Edward L. Jordan  
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Dear Mr. Jordan:

This is in regard to the recent issuance of OIE Information Notice (IN) No. 85-44, Emergency Communication System Monthly Test. IN 85-44 provides specific requirements for testing of the Emergency Notification System (ENS) and Health Physics Network (HPN) telephones located in the control room, the Technical Support Center, and the Emergency Operations Facility (EOF). This letter is provided to inform you of the current status of these systems in the Central Emergency Control Center (CECC), TVA's equivalent EOF, located in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

An ENS telephone was recently installed in the CECC. Since installation, there have been numerous technical and operational problems with the system that have not been resolved. Because of these problems, the system cannot be considered currently operational. The HPN system has not been installed in the CECC. Therefore, TVA cannot comply with the testing requirements for ENS and HPN from the CECC as outlined in IN 85-44.

Since the ENS and HPN systems are under the control of NRC, please provide me with the current schedule for installation and operability of these systems at our CECC. Once the systems are installed and upon notification by your office that they are to be considered operational, we will include them in our CECC communications program and begin testing in accordance with the requirements.

Very truly yours,

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