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INFORMATIONAL LETTER

DATE: June 1, 2020

TO: Residential or Assisted Living Facilities (RALF)

FROM: Nate Elkins, Supervisor, Fire Life Safety Program

SUBJECT: Emergency Generators

REF: IDAPA 16.03.22.004, NFPA 110, 2016 edition <https://www.nfpa.org/>

1. Beginning January 1, 2021, if the facility **elects** to install an Emergency Generator or already provides an Emergency Generator, it must be designed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 110, *Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems*, 2016 edition
2. The standard covers performance requirements for emergency and standby power systems providing an alternate source of electrical power to loads in buildings and facilities in the event that the primary power source fails.
3. We also consider that medical and nursing sciences are becoming progressively more dependent on electrical apparatus for the preservation of life of residential assisted living facilities. Year by year more residents are dependent on supplemental oxygen which is attached to an oxygen concentrator which requires power to operate the system. In another sense, lighting is needed in strategic areas in order that precise procedures can be carried out, and power is needed to safeguard such vital services as refrigerated storage is held. Interruption of normal electrical service in residential assisted living facilities can be caused by catastrophes such as storms, floods, fires, earthquakes, or explosions; by failures of the systems supplying electrical power; or by incidents within the facility. For all such situations, electrical systems should be planned to limit internal disruption and to provide for continuity of vital services at all times.

4. If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact this office. Also, refer to frequently asked questions (FAQ) that are posted effective July 1, 2020 on the Assisted Living and the Facility Fire Safety and Construction websites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nate Elkins", is positioned above the typed name.

Nate Elkins,
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