

July 24, 1980

Commander Joseph S. Blackett  
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Twelfth Coast Guard District  
630 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, Ca.

Dear Commander Blackett:

This letter is in regard to the Point Pinos Lighthouse and the City of Pacific Grove's desire to maintain the facility and upgrade the outside appearance.

Last November I wrote you a letter asking if funds might be available for putting in an outside sprinkler system. This would allow easy maintenance of the grounds, The materials cost would be approximately \$1500. This assumes that lines would be replaced and the best quality sprinkler heads used. The city would install the system. Your office responded that funds were not available in the then current budget, but might be in 1980-81. I am therefore renewing the request for the above assistance.

Last spring I reported a water line break at the Lighthouse which necessitated turning off all water leading to the facility. It has not been repaired because the line was an odd size and not readily available. Since gas was also turned off at an earlier time, the station is left with only electricity for heating and power.

I am most concerned about the water supply to the building, because its lack markedly reduces fire suppression capability. The historical nature of Point Pinos requires that this not be neglected.

Sincerely,

Vernal L. Yadon  
Director

cc: Lt. Robert Ryan, Monterey  
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