

November 12, 1996

LCDR W. T. Davis, USCG
Chief, Real Property Branch (sr)
U.S. Coast Guard Maintenance
& Logistics Command Pacific
Building 54-D, Coast Guard Island
Alameda, CA 94501-5100

Dear Commander Davis:

It has come to my attention that the Point Pinos Lighthouse is in need of an internal fire detection system. Our concerns are primarily driven by the safety of visitors while they are viewing the interior of the lighthouse and secondarily to protect the valuable artifacts which are accumulating in the existing exhibits and those we hope to acquire in future exhibits.

Currently there is a security detection system installed and operated by the Sentry Alarm Systems of Monterey. This affords the protection necessary to guard against forcible entry to the facility when it is unoccupied.

We have contacted Sentry Alarm which has done a study to install an adequate ADA and insurance approved fire detection system. Sentry recommends installing 13 smoke detectors, a pull station, 2 strobe lights w/audible horns and 1 separate strobe light. I have enclosed a line drawing which will indicate the positioning of the fire detection system. The City of Pacific Grove will bear the cost of installation and monthly monitoring fees.

It should be noted that the smoke detectors to be used will not require the installation of any electrical ducts to interconnect the units. These alarms will use state-of-the-art battery-driven, radio-transmitting signals to communicate with the control unit located in the same area now used to house the current security system.

Before we proceed I would like to obtain your permission to install this system. I have enclosed a copy of the required Environmental/NEPA Analysis Checklist which Ms Alexandria Apprentice-Yaus of your office so kindly provided in advance. I look forward to hearing from you soon on this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Finnegan
Assistant Curator

cc: John A. Pupillo, Sentry Alarm Systems
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Safety Officer, City of Pacific Grove

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