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Dear Mr. Buckner:

I have completed my review of your Policy-Procedure Manual prepared for Columbia Gulf Transmission Co. It is evident that much time and effort were spent in the preparation of this Manual. My evaluation of the Manual is in terms of your presentation to the Board of Nursing, which presentation provided the Board with information upon which an interpretive statement was issued to you relative to the legality of your educational activities directed toward teaching the material in this Manual.

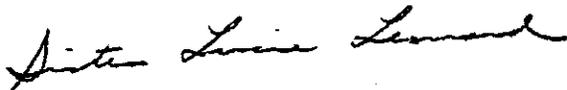
The introductory statements immediately preceding page 1 clearly state the intent of the Manual. You also state that the personnel who perform emergency care have been trained to function in remote offshore facilities. My only suggestion is that you might give that page a title and number and list it in the table of contents so that it cannot be undetectedly removed from the Manual.

Procedures, policies and protocols in the Manual are detailed enough for a trained unlicensed person to be able to function safely in emergency situations. The need for immediate intervention is evident in the descriptions of the indications for the specific types of intervention.

It is noted that the emergency care provider is authorized to administer medications only in extreme emergencies, and, except for situations which are immediately life-threatening, only after a specific order from a physician.

Your efforts toward promoting the safety of persons working offshore are appreciated. Mortality and morbidity statistics relative to offshore accidents could be used to evaluate the impact of your educational endeavors.

Sincerely,



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