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**Cc:** Bernard Leonard; Woody Thompson; Ron & Christine Sokol  
**Subject:** Amateur Radio Emergency Service at RAAP

Wayne,

As per our conversation this morning, we plan to have about 6 ham radio operators inside the RAAP. We will be there prior to the 8:45 a.m. Safety Meeting. We will assist with any communications need that you might have inside the plant. We will have radio operators in reserve just a few miles from the plant, in the event that additional radio resources are needed, they will then move to the plant.

We will be providing radio communications for a number of agencies outside the plant, such as EOCs, Red Cross and the New River Valley Community Services. We will have people stationed at key locations in an 80 mile radius of the plant to communicate Heath and Welfare messages (this is about the radius that workers travel to work at RAAP).

We will **use fictitious names on all these messages and the actual messages will not be delivered** by the Red Cross or other agencies to any families. This will be used to test and demonstrate our ability to handle large volumes of traffic (messages) in a short period of time. This exercise will also give an opportunity for key personal from the agencies to work with our people in a communications role.

We will also be requesting support items such as, search dogs, search and rescue teams, ATVs, blankets, cots, feeding canteens to support rescue workers, etc. **None of these items will be delivered** but will give all the outside agencies an opportunity to check their inventory and respond with a message.

At this point we will be communicating with;

Galax, Carroll, Grayson and Wythe Red Cross  
Roanoke Red Cross  
Twin County E-911 Center,  
Town of Vinton EOC  
Salem EOC  
Blacksburg office of RNVCS

We hope to have others within the next few days. I anticipate the messages coming from my location, in the plant, to outside agencies to number in the hundreds. This will contain brief information such as "I am safe and will be returning home as soon as possible". Can you imagine the relief this one sentence can bring to a family member not knowing about their father or husband.

We will not be sending any notices of fatalities. Death notices are never handled by Amateur Radio due to the lack of privacy.

If you have an questions or need to talk with me, give me a call at 276-398-3548

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