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As you know, the National Office recently completed a preparedness review for the Arcata Field Office the week of March 7, 2004. It was brought to our attention that Tim Jones does not meet the minimum standards as outlined in the "Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations". The FMO is required to be qualified (less currency) as an IC Type III, and a Division Supervisor or Unit Leader. In order to maintain the safety and integrity of our program and to avoid potential adverse actions that are becoming common after tragedy fires, I am requesting a copy of a written IDP with training dates and a strategy for Tim to become qualified for his position this FY.

If Tim can not meet the minimum qualification this FY, then you should also address your strategy for the Arcata Fire Management Officer position the following FY. The potential liabilities for all of us are too great to ignore this issue any longer.

As always the State Office is willing to help facilitate courses and training assignments where ever we can. If you have any questions please call me at 916-978-4501 or Ed Wehking at 916-978-4431.

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