A review of regional reports concerning warranted and unwarranted emergency evacuations reveals that there is a need for certain improvements in procedures and training in this area. Accordingly, Principal Operations Inspectors must continually review their assigned air carriers’ emergency evacuation procedures to assure that:

a. Flight crew and flight attendants are trained to recognize and act promptly in situations requiring an emergency evacuation.

b. Flight attendants are trained to carry out an emergency evacuation on their own initiative in the event that the flight crew is incapacitated or otherwise prevented from participating.

c. Flight attendants are trained to recognize when evacuation equipment is inoperative of faulty and to act promptly in preventing the use of such equipment and to quickly divert evacuating passengers to usable exits.

d. Emphasis is placed on flight crew and flight attendants being properly trained to recognize the necessity for the use of good judgment and terminate an evacuation if conditions change and permit such action.

e. Emergency alarm signal units, if installed in the cabin, are properly located and guarded to preclude inadvertent activation.