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Q: On a recent survey, my facility was cited for having items connected to my generator that were supposedly not allowed. What are the requirements regarding this?

A: Typically nursing homes are permitted to have a Type II Essential Electrical System (EES). If a nursing home has ventilator residents or some other critical care unit, they are required to have a Type I EES. A Type I EES is comprised of three branches; Life Safety, Critical, and Equipment. A Type II EES is comprised of two branches; Emergency and Critical. What circuits can be located on these branches is outlined in NFPA 99-1999, Sections 3-4.2.2.1 thru 3-5.2.2.3.