Gray Television Licensee, LLC WGEM-TV, Quincy, Illinois (FID 54275) Children's Programming Report 2023

Gray Television Licensee, LLC (Gray) is the licensee of WGEM-TV, Quincy, Illinois (FID 54275) (WGEM or the Station). During the 2023 programming year, WGEM-TV aired well over 156 hours annually of Core Programming, including at least 26 hours per quarter of regularly scheduled weekly programming in compliance with Category B.

WGEM is an NBC affiliate, and as such routinely broadcasts live programming, including sporting events, of particular interest to its community that results in the preemption of certain Core Programming. When programming is preempted, it is the Station's policy, in requirement with the Children's Programming rules, to air a notice of when the preempted program will be made good.

While preparing the 2023 Children's Programming Report, management discovered that the employee responsible for scheduling the preemption notices and training other employees on this requirement failed to do so. This employee is no longer with the Station. Following this discovery, all employees responsible for complying with the Children's Programming rules were retrained on the Children's Programming rules. Additionally, Gray has implemented a weekly review at both the local and corporate level to ensure compliance.

Gray regrets that the notice requirements were not followed during the 2023 programming year. It has taken strong steps to ensure the Station will comply with these obligations going forward. While in almost all instances, preempted programming was made-good, out of an abundance of caution, the Station is not including the made-good programming that aired without proper notice in its count of regularly scheduled programming. Rather, the made-good programming is counted as non-regularly scheduled programming in the 2023 Children's Programming Report.