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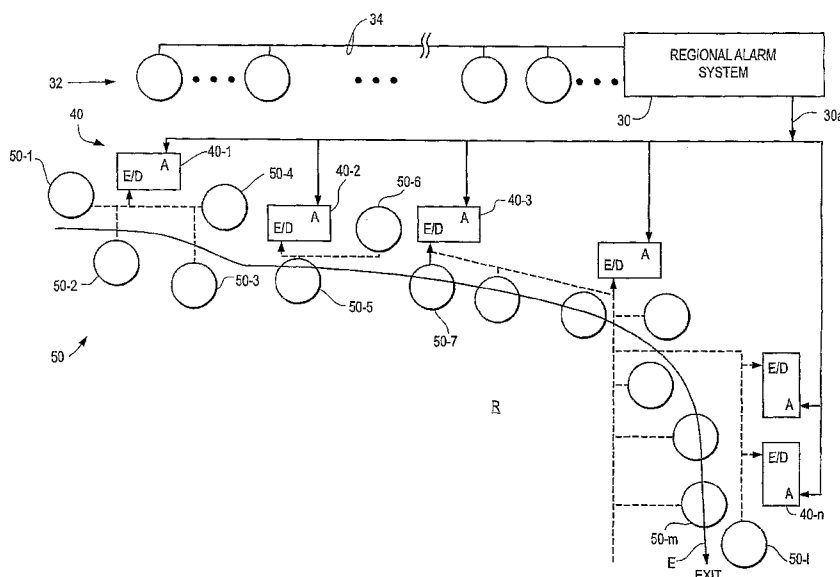
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(57) Abstract: An exit path indicating device incorporates at least a first port for receiving an alarm indicating signal. In normal operation upon receipt of the alarm indicating signal, the device outputs verbal and non-verbal indicators of the presence of an alarm condition for use in evacuating the region. A second port disables the non-verbal outputs. The second port can be coupled to a local sensor which provides an indication of a hazardous or alarm condition adjacent to or on the exit or egress path. If the sensor is indicating the presence of a hazardous or alarm condition, the non-verbal outputs can be disabled, while verbal directions can continue to be emitted.

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