

PPL Susquehanna Restarts Unit 2 Reactor After Repairing Battery Charger

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Operators safely restarted the Unit 2 reactor at the Susquehanna nuclear power plant early this afternoon (4/13) after completing electrical repairs to the unit's battery chargers.

The battery chargers are part of the plant's electrical system and are located in a non-nuclear area of the plant.

"We repaired the charger that was not working properly, and performed all necessary inspections and testing to confirm that the problem was fully resolved," said Bob Saccone, vice president-Nuclear Operations for PPL Susquehanna.

"Also, because long-term safe operation of Susquehanna drives all our actions, before we resumed generating electricity, we thoroughly inspected the unit's other three chargers and made electrical adjustments intended to prevent a similar situation in the future," Saccone said.

On Sunday, plant workers discovered one of the unit's four chargers was not working properly. Because crews could not repair the electrical problem and conduct a thorough investigation of the Unit 2 direct current electrical system within a specified time period, they manually shut down the unit as called for in plant procedures.

Unit 2 came off line at 5:28 p.m. Sunday. Unit 1 continued to operate at 100 percent power throughout the repairs.

The two-unit Susquehanna plant, located about seven miles north of Berwick, Pa., is owned jointly by PPL Susquehanna LLC and Allegheny Electric Cooperative Inc.

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