

PPL's Susquehanna Nuclear Plant to Conduct Graded Emergency Exercise On-line Nuclear Reporter's Notebook Now Available for Media

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WHAT: PPL's Susquehanna nuclear power plant near Berwick, Pa., will conduct a full-scale emergency exercise involving state, county and municipal emergency management agencies within a 10-mile radius of the plant.

Media are invited to participate in the exercise by attending the news briefings at the media operations center. If you plan to participate, please contact Herb Woodeshick at 570-759-2285 prior to the exercise or come directly to the center during the exercise.

As part of the exercise, PPL also has produced an on-line Nuclear Reporter's Notebook to help reporters explain technical nuclear power issues. The primer includes information on the Susquehanna plant's history; its design, operations and emergency plan; as well as basics about radiation.

Reporters can access the Nuclear Reporter's Notebook at anytime by going to the Energy Beat section of PPL's media web site at www.pplnewsroom.com.

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WHEN/

WHERE: The emergency exercise will begin on 11/2 at approximately 3:00 p.m. and will last several hours. During the exercise, PPL will conduct several news briefings, including two, half-hour joint briefings with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency via satellite at approximately 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

PPL will use its Media Operations Center at the East Mountain Business Center near Wilkes-Barre, Pa. For directions, visit the Nuclear Reporter's Notebook on the PPL Newsroom web site at www.pplnewsroom.com.

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GROUND: U.S. nuclear plants conduct graded, full-scale emergency exercises every two years. During these exercises, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) evaluates the performance of the nuclear plant and the Federal Emergency Management Agency evaluates the performance of the participating state, county and municipal emergency management agencies.

The NRC previously evaluated PPL's Susquehanna nuclear plant in 1997. Because of changes in NRC procedures and schedules, the 1999 exercise was postponed until this year. The next exercise will be in 2002 and future exercises will be held in even numbered years.

The Susquehanna plant, located in Luzerne County about five miles north of Berwick, is owned jointly by PPL Susquehanna, LLC and Allegheny Electric Cooperative Inc. and is operated by PPL

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