PPL Susquehanna Unit 1 Shutdown

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Unit 1 at PPL's Susquehanna nuclear power plant in Luzerne County near Berwick, Pa., automatically shutdown early this morning when one of three feedwater pumps that supply water to its reactor stopped working.

The loss of the feedwater pump caused the water level in the Unit 1 reactor to drop initiating a full shutdown of the unit at 12:53 a.m.

"The plant's systems worked properly during the shutdown and the unit is stable," said Herbert D. Woodeshick, special assistant to the president for PPL Susquehanna. "PPL has begun an investigation to better understand why the shutdown occurred. When that is complete, we will restart the unit." Prior to this event, Unit 1 ran continuously for 144 days. The plant's Unit 2 reactor continues to operate at 100 percent power.

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