PPL Susquehanna Restarts Unit 2 Reactor

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Operators safely restarted the Unit 2 reactor at the Susquehanna nuclear power plant and reconnected to the electrical transmission network Saturday (4/30) after repairing the cooling system on the unit's main transformer. A worn motor for one of the transformer's cooling system fans caused the unit to be shut down Thursday (4/28) morning.

"We thoroughly inspected and tested the equipment to confirm the problem is resolved and the unit will return to full power safely," said Bob Saccone, PPL's vice president of Nuclear Operations. "We also checked other transformers on Unit 2 for similar conditions to ensure their continued operation."

The main transformer is a non-nuclear component of the plant that increases the voltage of the electricity for distribution on the electrical transmission network.

The plant's Unit 1 reactor operated at full power throughout the repairs.

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

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