

'Unusual Event' Ended at PPL's Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant; Security Check Conducted to Assure Plant Remains Safe

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After a thorough security check at PPL's Susquehanna nuclear power plant in Luzerne County, an "unusual event" at the plant ended at 7:52 p.m. (EDT) Thursday (8/23).

"The plant's security force completed a walkdown of the plant and has assured that the plant is safe," said Herb Woodeshick, PPL Corp. special assistant to the president for Susquehanna.

An "unusual event," the lowest of four emergency classifications at U.S. nuclear power plants, was declared at 4:21 p.m. (EDT) Thursday after plant security apprehended a man inside a vehicle access area at one of the plant's gates.

The man scaled one security fence, but was caught before getting over a second fence and into the plant's protected area, Woodeshick said.

The man was not armed. Plant security turned him over to the custody of the Pennsylvania State Police.

"Susquehanna's security system worked as designed to assure plant safety," Woodeshick said. "The plant security force received immediate notification when the man climbed the first fence, and he was quickly apprehended."

An unusual event means a minor problem has occurred at the plant that could reduce plant safety. No action by the general public is required.

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

PPL has activated its Media Operations Center at the Susquehanna Energy Information Center along Route 11, seven miles north of Berwick. The phone number is 570-759-2285.

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