Land Adjacent to PPL's Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant Closed to Hunting

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As part of PPL Susquehanna's increased security measures, hunting is prohibited on the woodlands and fields adjacent to the nuclear power plant in Luzerne County near Berwick, Pa., company officials said today.

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PPL is complying with a request by the Pennsylvania State Police to close 228 acres of PPL-owned lands near the plant to recreational activities such as hunting and hiking as a safety precaution.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the state police and the Pennsylvania National Guard are supporting security forces at Susquehanna and elsewhere across the state.

"We've been able to open our grounds around the plant for hunting for the past 15 years. But the tragic events of Sept. 11 forced us to put this restriction into effect," said John Fridman, assistant superintendent of the PPL Susquehanna Riverlands Environmental Preserve. "For security reasons, hunting will be prohibited indefinitely."

Hunting still is allowed on PPL-owned lands on the east side of the Susquehanna River. These areas include more than 500 acres of woodlands and fields along Route 239 north and east of Wapwallopen, including Council Cup. PPL-owned land southeast of the Old River Road Church in Wapwallopen is open for hunting, with the exception of the area surrounding PPL's electric transmission substation.

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.

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