PPL Susquehanna Unit 2 Shuts Down

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Operators shut down the Unit 2 reactor at PPL's Susquehanna nuclear power plant at 7:19 a.m. Thursday because of a malfunction with a plant electrical transformer.

"The reactor was shut down safely and is in a stable condition while we investigate the cause of the electrical transformer problem," said Britt McKinney, PPL's vice president of nuclear site operations.

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 malfunction appears to be related to the cooling system for the transformer, McKinney said.

The plant's Unit 1 reactor continues to operate at 100 percent power.

The 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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