PPL completes replacement of Susquehanna plant sirens

PPL has completed the replacement of the original emergency notification system for the Susquehanna nuclear plant. The new sirens were placed in service Monday (12/15) following thorough testing and acceptance of the system by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"The siren system at the Susquehanna plant, which can be used for any community emergency, is a commitment to public safety that we are pleased to make," said Joe Scopelliti, Susquehanna community relations manager.

"During its 25 years of operation, the original siren system was used only once," Scopelliti said. "That was in 1987 to warn residents of Nanticoke about a fire at an industry that had chemicals on site."

Some of the sirens are shared with local fire companies, which use them for fire calls, Scopelliti said.

The sirens in the original system will be removed beginning in January. Removal of the 112 sirens is expected to take several months.

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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