

Sirens around Susquehanna Plant Sound in Error During County-Run Test

Emergency sirens near PPL Corporation's Susquehanna nuclear power plant sounded in error for the second time this week at about 2 p.m. Thursday (12/21) during a routine test conducted by the Columbia County Emergency Management Agency. There was no emergency.

"Emergency management personnel in Columbia County were testing a single siren but inadvertently activated all 112 sirens in the area within 10 miles of the power plant," said Lou Ramos, spokesman for the plant.

"We apologize again for any concern or confusion this may have caused among area residents," he said.

On Monday (12/18), the siren system sounded during a scheduled test conducted by Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency. Monday's routine test was supposed to be a silent signal to the siren system, but instead resulted in all of the sirens sounding.

The sirens may be sounded by PPL Susquehanna or by emergency management agencies in Luzerne or Columbia counties.

Emergency sirens around the plant are in place to notify the public to tune to emergency broadcast stations on television and radio in the event of an emergency at the nuclear plant or in the event of another emergency in the community.

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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