

Sirens around Susquehanna Plant Sound in Error

Emergency sirens near PPL Corporation's Susquehanna nuclear power plant sounded in error about 11 a.m. Monday (12/18). There was no emergency.

"We conduct silent tests of the siren system every two weeks," said Lou Ramos, spokesman for the plant. "During a scheduled test this morning, the sirens mistakenly received a signal to sound, rather than a signal for a silent test.

"We apologize for any anxiety that this may have caused among area residents," he said.

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

"The sirens that sounded today were part of the old siren system, which PPL Susquehanna is in the process of replacing," Ramos said. "We will conduct a full-scale test of the newly installed siren system tomorrow (12/19)."

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