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News Release

HANFORD TO ACTIVATE EMERGENCY SIRENS

RICHLAND, Wash. – Feb. 15, 2005 – Emergency sirens will be activated in the 300 Area of the U.S.

Department of Energy's Hanford Site on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005.

The emergency sirens in the 300 Area will be activated as part of an emergency drill. People near the 300 Area, which is a few miles north of Richland, may hear the sirens sound for about one minute between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., but no response is required. Public address announcements stating "this is a drill message" will be made prior to and following the siren tone.

In an emergency, County officials would activate the Emergency Alert System to broadcast information to the public over local radio and television stations. Sirens located along the Columbia River would also be activated if it were necessary to warn people on the river.

Periodic emergency drills and siren tests are conducted at Hanford facilities as part of the ongoing program to test emergency equipment and train workers on emergency response procedures.

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