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## News Release

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### **HANFORD TO ACTIVATE EMERGENCY SIRENS**

RICHLAND, Wash. – July 10, 2006 – Emergency sirens will be activated in the 100-K and 300 Areas of the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford Site tomorrow and Wednesday, July 12.

Emergency sirens in the 100-K Area will be activated periodically for system testing tomorrow between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The 100-K Area is located on the southern shore of the Columbia River, approximately 8 miles downstream of the Vernita Bridge. Sirens in the 300 Area will be activated periodically tomorrow for system testing between 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The 300 Area is located on the western shore of the Columbia River a few miles north of Richland. People on the river and those living near the 300 Area may hear the sirens sound, but no response is required. Public address announcements stating "this is a test message" will be made prior to and following the siren tone. Additional periodic testing may be conducted in the same areas on Wednesday, July 12.

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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