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Hanford Site to Activate Emergency Sirens Monday

RICHLAND, Wash. – Emergency sirens will be activated for an emergency exercise on the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford Site on Monday, April 26.

The sirens will be activated on Monday between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the areas of Hanford known as the 300 and 400 Areas. The 300 Area is next to the Columbia River approximately one mile north of Richland. People near this area may hear the sirens sound, but no response is required. Public address announcements stating "this is an exercise message" will be made prior to and following the siren tone. The sirens in the 400 Area, which is located approximately 9 miles north of Richland, will not be heard off the Hanford site.

In a real emergency, County officials would activate the Emergency Alert System to broadcast information to the public via 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 exercises and siren tests are conducted at Hanford facilities as part of an ongoing program to test emergency equipment and train workers on emergency response procedures.

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