

Activity 5.1

Written Product #1

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NR #3 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 2, 2024

State Notified of Alert at Nuclear Power Station

CAPITAL CITY – The Columbia Department of Emergency Management has been notified by Municipal Power that an Alert was declared at a Nuclear Power Station today. The Alert notification ensures that emergency response personnel are available and on standby should the situation worsen.

As designated in the Columbia Radiological Emergency Response Plan, Annex Q, Sections 15.a to 15.j (rev) and pursuant to State law, the Columbia Emergency Operations Center is being augmented with additional personnel trained in emergency response, and local governments surrounding the plant have been notified and are on standby.

The affected power station—named Norton Station after the renowned physicist, Karl Norton—is located in the Smythson County.

Should the situation worsen, the Emergency Alert System (EAS) will be activated, and people residing or working in Protective Action Zone 1 will be advised to stay indoors, with all doors and windows closed and air conditioners and fans turned off until otherwise notified. Information to help citizens determine the Protective Action Zone in which they reside or work can be found in the Yellow Pages section of area telephone directories.

Currently, there is no danger or cause for concern for people living near the nuclear facility or in other areas of the County, according to state officials.

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Written Product #2

Contact: Pat Kelly

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Homestead Police Announce Holiday Program

The Homestead Police Department's mission is to protect and serve the people of Homestead. To that end, this year the department is reaching out to those in need to make the holidays a little brighter. This includes working with Project Head Start to bring Santa to the classroom and the popular "Shop-With-A-Cop" program.

Shop-With-A-Cop pairs police personnel with Head Start students for a holiday shopping trip. Merchants provide a selection of discounted gifts, which are paid for through the Police Community Association (PCA). Each child gets to pick up to five gifts for their friends and family members.

Members of the news media can take advantage of photo opportunities by calling 800-555-9887.

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Written Product #3

Contact: CDEM Public Affairs (800) 555-6793

Saturday, December 12, 2024

Stay safe from chemical spills and terrorist attacks

CAPITAL CITY – The Columbia Department of Emergency Management (CDEM) urges citizens to stay away from Exit 9b on the cross-state Turnpike to avoid injury or death from a potentially dangerous chemical spill. Chemical agents can include poisonous gases, liquids, or solids that have toxic and lethal effects on victims. Do not attempt to rescue a victim of a chemical attack—you may become a victim yourself, say experts.

If you are at home when officials indicate evacuation is necessary:

- ☐ Gather emergency supplies of food, clothing, and water.
- ☐ If you are instructed to do so by local authorities, turn off all utilities at the main switch and close the main gas valve.
- ☐ Secure your dwelling by closing and locking windows and doors.
- ☐ Make arrangements for your pets. Public shelters may not allow pets.
- ☐ As soon as you are ordered to evacuate, do so promptly.
- ☐ Tell someone outside of the area where you are going.
- ☐ Follow recommended evacuation routes—shortcuts may be blocked.

If you are at work when officials indicate evacuation is necessary:

- ☐ Listen to your radio for guidance on protective actions.
- ☐ Follow your employer's instructions to shelter in place or evacuate.

Written Product #4

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Dana Jordan (800) 555-0321 October 9, 2024

Dinwoody Police Officers Discover Marijuana

Dinwoody Police Officers looking for a lost child in the ten-mile area surrounding Wood Lake discovered marijuana plants growing in the St. John Botanical Gardens.

The plants were well disguised by thick plantings of bamboo and other Asian plants. The child had been separated from its parents who were visiting the Botanical Gardens. They were reunited at the visitor center.

The Officers and agents from DEA eradicated over 200 marijuana plants with an estimated street value of \$65,000. The discovery is one of the largest seizures of live marijuana plants in the State this year.

The parents of the lost child were not available for comment.

Written Product #5

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Jay Moore, PIO, NPEM

News Release #5-2024 24/7: 800-555-9966

Volunteer Sandbaggers Needed

NORTH PLAINVIEW, Columbia—Volunteers have started a sandbagging operation in North Plainview in an attempt to seal off the water from flowing under the railroad tracks that run parallel along Highway 97 between Main and Cherry Streets in North Plainview. Emergency Management needs about 2,000 sandbags for the levees in Plainview County should the water begin to overflow.

Due to mudslides several roads have been closed in Plainview and traffic is being diverted. The City of North Plainview experienced extremely heavy rains over the past 5 days, resulting in flash flooding on the East side of town.

Currently, we are asking for volunteers to fill sandbags in anticipation of the rising Columbia River.

Written Product #6

Contact: Jan Morrison (800) 555-1234

NR #18 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE August 19, 2024

Media Advisory

(Not for Publication)

MEDIA BRIEFING SCHEDULED

GREENVILLE, Columbia – State Coordinator Casey Morton will hold a news conference at 6 p.m., Sunday, September 24, at the Greenville Emergency Operations Center to brief the media on the latest developments in the ongoing response to Hurricane Horatio. CDOT, CDH, and ARC will also attend the briefing.

The Columbia Department of Emergency Management (CDEM) has opened the Joint Information Center to provide people with updates on the hurricane response and information on disaster assistance. The phone number is (800) 555-1234.

CDEM requests that media representatives present identification at the entrance to the briefing.

Future briefings will be announced on a timely basis and as conditions warrant.