

EMERGENCY INFORMATION NEWS RELEASES

I. PURPOSE

A. Annex D contains a listing of draft Emergency Information News Releases for use during emergencies at fixed nuclear facilities. These messages are to be transmitted immediately following the decision and concurrence of the State of North Carolina and the Risk Counties surrounding each of the facilities listed to activate the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

1. **BRUNSWICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (Progress Energy)**

- (a) Brunswick County (Lead County)
- (b) New Hanover County

2. **HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (Progress Energy)**

- (a) Wake County (Lead County)
- (b) Chatham County
- (c) Harnett County
- (d) Lee County

3. **MCGUIRE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (Duke Energy)**

- (a) Mecklenburg County (Lead County)
- (b) Catawba County
- (c) Iredell County
- (d) Gaston County
- (e) Lincoln County
- (f) Cabarrus County (Host County)

4. **CATAWBA NUCLEAR POWER STATION (Duke Energy)**

- (a) Mecklenburg County (Lead County)
- (b) Gaston County
- (c) Cleveland County (Host County)
- (d) Union County (Host County)

B. The emergency information new releases will be provided to the media and the public through the County EOC or the Joint Information Center (JIC). Once the Joint Information Center has been activated **ALL** official news releases and statements to the media will come only from the JIC. Copies of the prescribed news releases are maintained by each Risk County emergency management agency and the county PIO, as well as by the deployed State JIC staff and the SERT Public Information Officer located in the State's EOC. The SERT PIO will ensure that the SERT Leader has access to the pre-scripted releases.

II. EMERGENCY INFORMATION NEWS RELEASES BY INDIVIDUAL EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATION LEVEL

A. ALERT

When an ALERT is declared, there are vital information messages to be given to the media and through them to the public. These news releases **WILL NOT** be preceded by a siren and EAS tone and message. The County EOC or the JIC may issue any of the following prescribed news releases and/or will initiate a news briefing as quickly as possible after the declaration is made. Printed news releases will follow and will be distributed by the most effective means practical (in person at the Media Center, by facsimile machine, e-mail, etc).

Action	File Name	Subject
Alert Declared	Alert:	Alert declared, emergency response team members notified and en route to EOC's, situation poses no threat.
EOC Activated	EOC:	County EOC activated.

B. SITE AREA EMERGENCY

When a SITE AREA EMERGENCY is declared, there are vital messages to be given to the media, and through them to the public. The messages **WILL** be preceded by a siren and an EAS tone. The County EOC or the JIC will issue some or all of the following pre-scripted news releases. The initial messages (shown in **BOLD**) will be released as quickly as possible, but no later than 20 minutes following EAS activation and/or the JIC staff will initiate a news briefing. Printed news releases will follow and will be distributed by the most effective means practical (in person at the Media Center, by facsimile machine, e-mail, etc.).

Action	File Name	Subject
Site Area Emergency declared	Site:	Site Emergency declared due to worsening conditions on-site.
General precautionary measures to be taken	Precauti:	Sirens sounded, EAS activated, fire, police, rescue and emergency personnel on stand-by, schools, hospitals, other institutions informed.
Closing of public parks/lakes	Parks:	Public parks/lakes closed as a precaution. Evacuate boaters/ hunters/campers as precaution.
School Closing for shelter operations	Schools:	Schools being closed for use as reception centers. Students being sent home. List of school closings.

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Action	File Name	Subject
School Evacuations	Schools2:	List of schools which have been evacuated and where students have been taken.
Request for curtailing Business activity	Curtail:	As a precaution, businesses asked to close and public gatherings reduced. Civic meetings, night schools, recreational activities and other public events cancelled. Hospitals to reduce patient population. Highway Patrol sets up traffic control checkpoints.
Farm livestock precautions	Livestoc:	Livestock owners advised to take precautions. No immediate danger from radioactive material.
Sheltering of farm livestock	Animals:	Farmers advised to remove farm animals to shelter, feed on stored feed and water and cover food and water supplies.
Dairy Farm Sampling	Samples:	State sampling teams dispatched to dairy farms to sample milk, feed, water and forage as a precaution. No off-site release.

C. GENERAL EMERGENCY

When a GENERAL EMERGENCY is declared, additional emergency information will need to be given to the media and through them to the public. The messages **WILL** be preceded by a siren and an EAS tone. The county EOC or the JIC will issue some or all of the following prescribed news releases. The initial releases (shown in **BOLD**) will be released as quickly as possible, but no later than 20 minutes following EAS activation and/or the JIC staff will initiate a news briefing. Printed news releases will follow and will be distributed by the most effective means practical (in person at the Media Center, by facsimile machine, e-mail, etc.).

Action	File Name	Subject
General Emergency declared	General:	General Emergency declared due to worsening conditions on-site.
General Evacuation zone descriptions & Reception Center Location	Zones:	Zone boundary descriptions with reception center locations.
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Zone	Evac:	Officials recommend evacuation of certain

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Evacuations		zones in the vicinity of the Plant.
Handicap Transportation	Handicap:	Advisory to handicapped persons about transportation.
Transportation and pick-up points	Pick-Up:	Pick-up points or county transportation available to people without means to leave Emergency Planning Zone. (EPZ)
Full Protective Measures Declaration	Protect:	Officials recommend all three types of protective action involving all residents in the 10-mile EPZ: residents living within in (X) miles of the _____ Plant; limited evacuations as far as (X) miles from the plant; and sheltering indoors for all others.
Shelter In Doors	Indoors:	Certain zones recommended to shelter indoors.
Establishing Reception Centers	Shelters:	Officials announce reception centers established. Red Cross to staff reception centers. List of reception center locations.
Care of Pets during evacuation	Pets:	Advisory to pet owners on care and feeding of pets since they are not allowed in reception centers.
Sheltering of Farm Livestock	Sheltliv:	Livestock owners advised to move livestock to shelter, milk dairy cattle before evacuating, ventilate shelter, feed on stored food and water.
Feeding of Sheltered Farm Livestock	Farmers:	Farmers advised to keep livestock, dairy cattle and poultry under shelter and feed them on stored feed and water during period of evacuation.
Food processor contamination precautions	Food:	SERT notifies food processors and packagers in 50-mile radius to take precautions against contamination.
Resident food contamination precautions	Food2:	SERT advises residents in 50-mile radius to take measures to prevent contamination of food supplies.

D. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Copies of the draft news releases have been distributed to emergency managers in each of the Risk Counties listed in Paragraph I.A.; the State EOC, SERT, the associated National Weather Service Offices and the individual commercial nuclear power facility. It may be necessary to modify the release(s) to fit the particular condition of the incident at the plant. Additional releases may be required as the situation develops.

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2. The State's Lead Public Information Officer may have additional prescribed emergency information news releases specific to state actions only, which therefore have not been included in this Annex.