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Duke Energy Progress and county officials to perform annual maintenance on sirens around Harris Nuclear Plant

New Hill, N.C. – The public alert notification sirens within the 10-mile area around the Harris Nuclear Plant will be tested over the next several weeks, starting Tuesday, September 29. The tests will be full-volume tests that will last approximately five to ten seconds. The work will be conducted Tuesday through Thursday, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Since the sirens will be tested individually, there is no specific time when residents of Chatham, Harnett, Lee and Wake counties can expect to hear any of the sirens. This testing is being performed to support the annual maintenance of the sirens.

These tests are conducted to make sure each siren works properly after the maintenance is performed. Each siren may be tested multiple times. Residents may not hear the sirens unless they are close to one when it is being tested.

Duke Energy Progress performs full-volume tests annually. Silent tests are conducted every two weeks and short duration, full-volume tests every three months.

Questions about the tests may be directed to county or state emergency management agencies.

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