

Local entities taking part in nuclear plant drill

(KLZA) -- The Department of Home Land Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region VII office will coordinate a one-day exercise Tuesday involving several local entities.

The states of Nebraska and Missouri, the counties on Richardson and Nemaha in Nebraska and Atchison County, Missouri along with the Nebraska Public Power District which owns the Cooper Nuclear Plant, located near Brownville, will all take part in the drill.

The routine exercise will test the liabilities of the states, the utility, and the participating counties to protect the health and safety of the public living and working in the vicinity of the Cooper Nuclear Station.

The exercise is required to be completed on a biennial basis to determine the adequacy of the state and local radiological emergency preparedness and response plans.

FEMA will monitor the state, county and local units of government and Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will observe the on-site performance at the Cooper plant.

Thursday, August 2, a public meeting will be held to describe and explain the full-scale response exercise process. Only preliminary findings will be reviewed.

The public meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., at the Nebraska Public Power District, Emergency Operations Facility at 902 Central Avenue, in Auburn.

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