



## Kewaunee County Emergency Management

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### **KEWAUNEE COUNTY CONDUCTING EXERCISE**

Kewaunee County will participate in an Ingestion Pathway emergency response exercise on September 19 & 20, 2017 with Point Beach Nuclear Plant. The exercise will be evaluated off-site by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Federal regulations require local and state government agencies, in whose jurisdiction a nuclear plant is located, to biennially demonstrate that they can protect the health and safety of people potentially at risk in the 10-mile radius of the plant.

Earlier in June, 2017 a portion of this exercise was evaluated by FEMA. The reception center was done out of sequence of the exercise. This is where local populations, evacuated from the emergency planning zone around the nuclear plant, go to be monitored for any radiological contamination and to obtain any further assistance they may need during their re-location. The reception center for Kewaunee County is the Luxemburg Casco Intermediate School.

According to Kewaunee County Emergency Management Director Tracy Nollenberg, more than 100 employees and volunteers have and will participate in this year's exercise. And, similar staff operations will occur simultaneously in Manitowoc County by emergency management officials, as well as Madison, where state government response is coordinated.

"It is highly unlikely we will ever have to implement the complex procedures in the County's Emergency Operations Plan for a nuclear plant incident," said Nollenberg. "However, practicing the principles we would apply to respond to a nuclear plant accident pays dividends in our overall emergency preparedness for all hazards."

During this exercise, the general public may see emergency teams out and about. They may also hear a test of the siren system and may see a number of federal or governmental vehicles in the area. The emergency response plan can be implemented in the county for any type of disaster, including tornado, chemical spills and floods. Please address any comments or concerns about this exercise by calling Tracy Nollenberg, Director for Kewaunee County Emergency Management at (920) 845-9700. Again, this is a drill and not a real emergency.

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