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**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.

At this time, 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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