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VY SIREN TEST SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 3rd

FRAMINGHAM, MA - On Saturday, November 3, 2012 at noon, state and local public safety agencies will conduct an audible sounding of the 37 sirens within the Vermont Yankee 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) which includes the Massachusetts communities of Bernardston, Colrain, Gill, Greenfield, Leyden, Northfield and Warwick.

The three-minute siren testing is conducted by the Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts state public safety agencies in compliance with the regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to ensure the effectiveness of the public notification system.

Residents with questions on the annual testing can contact their town's emergency management director or Mark Gilmore at Vermont Yankee at (802) 258-4168.

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