

YOUR FIVE-PART WARNING SYSTEM

1. Sirens
2. Reader Boards
3. Tone Alert Radios
4. Emergency Alert System
5. YOU

What's the most important part of CSEPP's warning system?

Before you can protect yourself in an emergency, you need to know there is one.

Do you know how you would be warned if there were an emergency at the Umatilla Chemical Depot?

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) has installed a warning system to make sure you get word quickly. Because people can be in different places in the emergency zones around the Depot—indoors or outdoors, at work or at school, or just visiting the vicinity—warnings can reach you five different ways.

The first four parts of the warning system are described to the right. Do you know what the fifth and most important part of this warning system is?

You.

Without you, this multifaceted warning system will not work. If you do your part, the CSEPP warning system will succeed in providing for public safety.

■ If you live or work in the emergency zones in Oregon and Washington around the Umatilla Chemical Depot, CSEPP's five-part warning system will alert you outdoors and indoors if there is a chemical emergency at the Depot. The system also works if you're in the area fishing, boating or just driving through.

1. Outdoors—Sirens

Sixty-nine outdoor sirens are strategically placed around the Depot in Oregon (Umatilla and Morrow counties) and Washington (Benton County). If a chemical emergency occurs, these sirens will sound an alert tone for three minutes. The tone will be followed by a voice message in English and Spanish. If you hear the sirens sound, you should immediately go inside and tune to one of the Emergency Alert System stations below for emergency instructions and information. The sirens are tested with a shorter alert tone at noon on the last Tuesday of each month. A calendar of test dates is available at the numbers or website below.

2. Outdoors—Reader boards

Nineteen reader boards have been placed along highways near the Depot. Used on a day-to-day basis to warn drivers with a message of hazardous road conditions or road closures ahead, these reader boards will be used to warn drivers if an emergency occurs at the Depot. Benton County has two traffic signs in addition to reader boards that advise drivers to tune to 1610 AM for information if there is a Depot emergency.

3. Indoors—Tone Alert Radios

Homes and businesses in the CSEPP emergency zones near the Depot are being provided with special indoor warning devices called Tone Alert Radios (TARs). In addition to providing a warning and emergency instructions for a chemical emergency, TARs receive weather warnings from the National Weather Service. If your TAR sounds the alert tone, listen carefully to the message that follows.

4. Indoors—Emergency Alert System (EAS)

Have you heard this on radio or TV?—*This is a test of the Emergency Alert System. Broadcasters in your area in voluntary cooperation with the FCC and other local authorities have devised this system to...* This system will be activated if there is an emergency at the Depot. EAS messages will tell you what actions you need to take to protect yourself. EAS radio and TV stations in Oregon and Washington that cover the Umatilla vicinity include:

AM radio—KONA 610 AM—KTIX 1240 AM—KUMA 1290 AM—KOHU 1360 AM.

FM radio—KQFM 100.5 FM—KWHT 103.5 FM—KONA 105.3 FM—KUMA 107.7 FM.

TV stations—KEPR TV (Ch. 19)—KNDU TV (Ch. 25)—KTNW TV (Ch. 31)—KVEW TV (Ch. 42).

5. Outdoors and Indoors—YOU

The system only works if you recognize a warning when you hear or see it, know what to do to be safe, and do it quickly.

For more information

Learn about the CSEPP warning system, emergency zones, Tone Alert Radios, sheltering in place, evacuation and more by contacting us at the numbers or website below. We're CSEPP. We're here to help.

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IT WORKS
WITH YOU.

In Umatilla and Morrow Counties

1-877-367-2737

In Benton County

1-800-841-7953

On the Internet

www.csepp.net

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