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NEWS RELEASE

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## Monthly CSEPP siren test, Tues., Feb. 24

Pendleton, Ore. – The monthly test of the CSEPP siren system in Oregon is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24. The siren test will occur at noon. The test coincides with tests of CSEPP sirens on the Umatilla Chemical Depot and in Benton County, Washington. All 70 of the CSEPP sirens will use the Westminster chimes during the test.

The Oregon test begins with a voice message over the siren speakers reminding residents, *“This is a test of the CSEPP warning sirens, this is only a test.”* The message is broadcast in both English and Spanish. The voice message will be followed by the Westminster chimes tones. The test ends with a second voice message that says: *“This concludes the test of the CSEPP warning sirens, this was only a test. Had this been a real incident you would have been given emergency instructions over your local radio station or your Tone Alert Radio.”*

In a Umatilla Chemical Depot chemical emergency, the sirens would sound using a distinctly different tone. They would sound a steady warning tone for three minutes straight. Both the test and the emergency alert tone can be heard at [www.csepp.net](http://www.csepp.net). Click on the “how would I be warned” icon.

Highway message reader boards along I-82 and I-84 will also be tested Tuesday. Motorists will see a reminder of the noon siren test displayed.

The sirens and highway reader boards are two of five public warning systems that would be activated by emergency management officials in the event of a chemical emergency at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. The sirens, highway message reader boards and highway advisory radio would alert people who are outdoors. Tone Alert Radios and the Emergency Alert System would alert people indoors.

For more information on Oregon’s CSEPP siren system, call the Oregon Emergency Management office in Pendleton at (541) 966-9640.

To receive an information packet on how to prepare for chemical emergencies or to schedule a presentation in Umatilla County contact CSEPP at (877) 367-2737 or in Morrow County contact CSEPP at (541) 481-3424.

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