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Monthly CSEPP siren test, Tuesday, April 26

Pendleton, Ore. -- The monthly test of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) siren system in Oregon is scheduled for noon on Tuesday, April 26. 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.

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 public warning systems surrounding the Umatilla Chemical Depot, visit www.csepp.net. Click on the "How would I be warned" icon.

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

To information on how to prepare for chemical emergency contact Umatilla County Emergency Management at (541) 966-3700, Morrow County Emergency Management at (541) 481-3424 or visit www.csepp.net.

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