



Susquehanna plant sets generation record in 2008

A continued focus on reliable operation, backed by the commitment of employees dedicated to safety and reliability, enabled PPL's Susquehanna nuclear plant to set a plant record in 2008 for the amount of electricity generated.

The two-unit plant generated 19,046,000 megawatt-hours in 2008, beating the plant's previous record of 18,272,000 megawatt-hours set in 2005. The electricity generated by Susquehanna in 2008 is enough to power nearly 2 million typical homes.

"This achievement is a direct result of the dedicated staff at Susquehanna," said Neil Gannon, PPL's vice president of Nuclear Operations.

The Unit 2 reactor at Susquehanna operated continuously throughout 2008, and has operated for more than 650

consecutive days since its last shutdown for maintenance.

"We also successfully completed one of the most challenging refueling and maintenance outages in our 25-year history last spring," Gannon said.

A major part of that outage was the replacement of the Unit 1 high-pressure turbine, the first stage of a power uprate that will continue this year and be completed in 2010, ultimately providing an additional 200 megawatts of generation at the plant. About 50 megawatts have been added so far.

"Safely increasing the generating capability of the Susquehanna plant is an effective way to help meet the ever-growing demand for electricity to power our economy and our lifestyle," Gannon said.

Public supporters of proposed Bell Bend nuclear unit speak out

Many members of the community voiced their strong support of the economic and environmental benefits of nuclear power at a public meeting held by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Jan. 29 on the proposed Bell Bend nuclear power plant.

Community leaders also expressed their appreciation for the generous donations of time and money that PPL and its employees give to many organizations.

The meeting at Berwick Area High School drew about 125 area residents, many of whom wore buttons that said "I support Bell Bend." The NRC held the meeting to gather public input about potential environmental impacts the plant may pose that are not already part of its thorough environmental evaluation process.

While PPL has not yet decided to move forward with construction, the NRC accepted PPL's Combined License Application for the Bell Bend unit in December. The unit would be located adjacent to the Susquehanna nuclear plant.

The NRC's evaluation of the Bell Bend application will take at least three years. For more information about Bell Bend, visit www.bellbend.com.

PPL appreciates the support of the Bell Bend project from people in the community and organizations that have written letters to the NRC.

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PPL completes replacement of Susquehanna plant sirens

PPL has completed the replacement of the original emergency notification system for the Susquehanna nuclear plant. The new sirens were placed in service in mid-December following thorough testing and acceptance of the system by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“The siren system at the Susquehanna plant, which can be used for any community emergency, is a commitment to public safety that we are pleased to make,” said Joe Scopelliti, Susquehanna community relations manager.

“During its 25 years of operation, the original siren system has never been needed for a nuclear emergency,” Scopelliti said. “However, it has been used to warn people about other types of emergencies, including a 1987 Nanticoke fire at an industry that had chemicals on-site.”

Some of the sirens are shared with local fire companies, which use them for fire calls, Scopelliti said.

The 112 sirens in the original system will be removed this year. Removal will take several months.



Richard Miller, left, director of Library Services at McBride Memorial Library, Berwick, accepts PPL's donations to the library from Teri MacBride, regional community relations director, and Joe Scopelliti, Susquehanna community relations manager. “We presented a total of \$8,000,” Scopelliti said. “It included a payment toward PPL's pledge to the library's capital campaign and a donation to its annual operating budget.” PPL pledged a total of \$35,000 to the capital campaign that raised money to construct the new library on Market Street.

Knowing what to do in an emergency

The blue pages of your local telephone book contain information that can help you stay calm and take the appropriate actions safely if an emergency occurs.

If you hear the emergency sirens, which can be used for all types of emergencies, tune in to your local radio or television station for more

information. Taking the actions recommended on the broadcasts will help keep you and your family safe.

If you have any questions or would like additional copies of the emergency information available in the phone book, call toll-free 1-866-832-3312.

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Community impact is one of the many factors the NRC considers when reviewing applications for nuclear power plant projects. You can express your support for this project, which will provide power to meet increasing demand without emitting carbon dioxide, create 4,000 construction jobs and 400 permanent jobs, and have a large impact on the economy of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Letters of support may be sent to:

Michael A. Canova
Project Manager
Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11545 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Please send a copy of your letters to:

Joseph J. Scopelliti
Manager-Community Relations,
Susquehanna
634 Salem Blvd
Berwick, PA 18603

Susquehanna employees and PPL donate about \$160,000 to Berwick Area United Way

Employees at PPL Susquehanna pledged more than \$86,000, combined with an additional \$6,326 in PPL matching funds and a corporate gift from PPL of \$67,000, to support needed programs provided by the Berwick Area United Way in 2009.

“In difficult economic times, United Way donations become even more vital to help provide basic needs like food and shelter,” said PPL Susquehanna employee Margy Rochester, president of the Berwick Area United Way and fundraising campaign chairwoman for the Susquehanna plant for the past four years.

“On behalf of the United Way, I want to thank everyone in the community who donated to the campaign for the generosity,” Rochester said. “It will make a real difference to those who need our help.”

In addition to their participation in the general campaign, Susquehanna plant employees also donated used books, music and movies for a sale, a grassroots effort that led to a separate \$504 donation last fall.

The Berwick Area United Way also received \$400 from a fundraising motorcycle ride sponsored by PPL Susquehanna employees last fall. Seventeen motorcyclists, including Susquehanna employees, retirees, family members and friends, enjoyed a 200-mile round-trip ride from Orangeville to the New York border.

Susquehanna plant employees also donated \$60,680 (including a \$1,030 company match) to the United Way of Wyoming Valley; \$63,209 (including a \$1,414 company match) to the United Way of Greater Hazleton and \$63,769 (including a \$322 company match) to the United Way of Columbia County.

In addition, the United Way of Wyoming Valley, the United Way of Greater Hazleton and the United Way of Columbia County will receive \$24,000, \$26,800 and \$25,000, respectively, in corporate gifts from PPL.



Water, Water Everywhere

Saturday, Feb. 28

10:30 a.m. to noon
Susquehanna Energy
Information Center
Presented by: Clem McIntyre,
Riverlands naturalist

Gold. Diamonds. Oil. These are the things that come to mind when we think of precious resources. But we ought to think of water. Two-thirds of the Earth's surface is covered by water and so far as we have seen, nowhere else in the universe can claim such abundance. It's water that makes our planet the only oasis of life that we know of anywhere. With such an embarrassment of riches, it's easy to take this particular resource for granted. Out of all that vast supply, however, only a tiny fraction is suitable for human use — and that small percentage is under constant threat from pollution and overuse. But with a little responsibility and foresight, we can protect our water for generations to come. This program will cover the basics of the water cycle and watersheds, the threats to our drinking water and some ways that we can make a positive difference. It's up to each of us to help preserve what is far and away the most precious resource our planet possesses.

St. Patrick's World

Friday, March 13

7-8:30 p.m.
Susquehanna Energy Information
Center
Presented by: Clem McIntyre,
Riverlands naturalist

Everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day. But there is much more behind the day than leprechauns and green beer. The story of the man who would become

St. Patrick is one of kidnapping and slavery, daring escapes, Imperial Rome, the early Christian church and the last remnants of a mysterious civilization that once spanned most of Europe. Add to that the fact that Patrick may just have had a hand in saving Western civilization, and you get a sense of why his life has been celebrated through the centuries. In addition to St. Patrick, this program will touch on the nature, history and culture of Ireland. It's a nice way to welcome the holiday.

Pennsylvania Basic Boating Class

Saturday, March 21

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Susquehanna Energy
Information Center
Presented by: Pennsylvania Fish
& Boat Commission
For ages 12 and over.
Preregistration is required.
Call toll-free 1-866-832-3312.

The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission will once again be offering a one-day boating safety course at the Susquehanna Riverlands. Designed to help boaters reduce the risk of injury or conflict on the water, this class will cover legal equipment requirements, nautical terminology, weather and the “rules of the road.” Those who successfully complete this course can apply for a boating safety education certificate issued by the commission. There is a \$10 fee for the certificate, which is required for all operators of personal watercraft and for boat operators born after Jan. 1, 1982, who operate motorboats of more than 25 horsepower.

The boating class is free and open to anyone 12 years old and up. Space is limited, however, and preregistration is required. To register, call the Riverlands at 866-832-3312. More information about the course can be found on the commission's Web site at www.fish.state.pa.us/98boatco.htm.

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March into Spring

Thursday, March 26, or Saturday, March 28

10:30 a.m. to noon

Wetlands Nature Area

Presented by: Clem McIntyre, Riverlands naturalist

Welcome spring with a walk through the wetlands to look for signs of the natural world awakening from the long winter doldrums. Migrating birds and mating amphibians are just some of the many busy creatures we may catch a glimpse of. We might also spot some of the first wildflowers to peek out from the chilly soil.

We will meet in the wetlands parking lot to begin our hike. Spring weather can be very unpredictable, so be sure to dress appropriately. Waterproof footwear is strongly recommended.

Stop by for a visit

If you'd like to learn more about the nuclear plant, stop by the Susquehanna Energy Information Center on Route 11 in Salem Township.

We offer guided visits to the Susquehanna plant along with a short film about energy and interactive displays. It's free, interesting, fun and an educational activity for all ages.

We're open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. year-round, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays from May 1 to Nov. 1.



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