



## Drill tests PPL's readiness to respond to environmental incident

Employees at the Martins Creek power plant recently participated in a successful drill with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and several PPL-contracted spill responders to test their ability to react quickly and effectively to an environmental incident.

"Exercises like these help ensure that we're prepared to respond to any possible situation," said

Pete Giella, plant manager. "The employees at Martins Creek successfully put our emergency response plan through its paces."

The Martins Creek plant has two generating units that can operate using oil or natural gas. The drill scenario involved discharge of oil into the river. As part of the drill, off-site responders deployed oil containment equipment, known as

a boom, in the river.

"The drill also gave us a chance to practice our emergency response plan with representatives from the EPA, which would be part of incidents involving our facilities," Giella said. "We appreciate the opportunity to work with the agency to make sure we are all prepared in the event of an emergency."

## Hunting not allowed on PPL property

In the interest of public safety, PPL no longer allows hunting on land it owns around the Martins Creek power plant.

"This was not an easy decision, but we feel it is the right decision for public safety — a decision we made after consultation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission," said Pete Giella, Martins Creek plant manager.

The hunting ban affects about 200 acres in the area of the Martins Creek and Lower Mount Bethel plants. The properties

were extensively marked with postings this fall, along with notices on bulletin boards and in the parking area at the Martins Creek Environmental Preserve.

PPL's land at Martins Creek is a narrow piece of property between the Martins Creek-Belvidere Highway and the Delaware River. In addition to plant workers, the land is used year-round for public recreation, including an expanded hiking trail system. There are also several private homes and properties adjacent to PPL's land.



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## Martins Creek Environmental Preserve Winter 2010 Environmental Programs

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### **Winter Walk-n-Talk**

**Sunday, Jan. 31, Noon-2 p.m.**

**Tekening Trails North Parking Lot**

**Presenter: Bud Cole,**

**Three B's Nature Center**

**Handicap Accessible: No**

The air is crisp and cold. Perhaps a blanket of snow covers the ground. But does nature really sleep during winter? Join Bud Cole of the Three B's Nature Center for a walk along the fields and fencerows of the Tekening Trails as we learn how plants and animals survive winter. Please dress for the weather.

### **Tap the Sap**

**Saturday, Feb. 20, 1:30-3 p.m.**

**Lower Mount Bethel Welcome Center**

**Presenter: Fred Gast, PPL**

During this program we will look at maple sugaring from the times of Native

Americans until now and the importance it has had during history. Did you know that during the mid-1800s, the kind of sugar you had on your table revealed your political views? We will learn tips on how to identify a sugar maple tree without its leaves. Then we will follow the steps in sugaring from the tree to the table. This program is free.

### **Introduction to Wildlife Drawing**

**Saturday, Feb. 27, 1:30-3 p.m.**

**Lower Mount Bethel Welcome Center**

**Presenter: Marco Hernandez**

**Handicap Accessible: Yes**

Do you love wildlife and want to find out how to draw animals? Learn the basic skills for drawing wildlife by using mounted specimens. Marco Hernandez shares his experience as a professional artist who worked for many years for the American Museum of Natural History as an exhibit designer and fabricator. Materials are

provided. This program is free. Seating is limited and registration is required at [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).

### **Native American Clothing and Dress**

**Sunday, March 7, 1:30-3 p.m.**

**Lower Mount Bethel Welcome Center**

**Presenter: Andrew Forsythe, Sioux Specialties**

Come learn about the clothing and dress of North America's native peoples. How did they dress for everyday activities, special occasions and festivals? What meanings did their accessories and decorations have? Join Andrew Forsythe of Sioux Specialties as he explains and helps us understand these customs of America's original inhabitants. This program is free.