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Cooper Nuclear Drill Scheduled

(KLZA)-- A one-day exercise is planned for Tuesday, June 14th for those entities involved in protecting the health and safety of the public living and working in the vicinity of the Cooper Nuclear Station near Brownville.

FEMA has announced the states of Nebraska and Missouri, along with Atchison County in Missouri, Nemaha and Richardson counties in Nebraska will participate with the Nebraska Public Power District. The routine exercise is a biennial requirement to test the abilities of the state, the utility and participating counties to protect those living and working in the area.

The exercise will require the activation of emergency facilities by the participating state and local officials. During the exercise, the activities of state, county and local units of government will be observed and evaluated by the FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program. The Cooper Nuclear Station-site performance will be observed and evaluated by officials from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

A public meeting will be held Thursday, June 16th at the NPPD Emergency Operations Facility at 902 Central Avenue in Auburn, beginning at 10 a-m. The public is invited to attend the meeting during which the exercise process will be explained along with the activities conducted on-site at the power plant during the exercise.

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