

What Is An Emergency Planning Zone?

An Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) is a pre-defined, geographic area that has been determined through analysis to require emergency planning. This pre-planning ensures that emergency management officials can make prompt and effective decisions to protect public health and safety. Your local emergency management agencies, in consultation with the Department of Energy and Energy Northwest, have created Emergency

Planning Zone Sections for those organizations' facilities located on the Hanford Site. In the unlikely event of an emergency, members of the public could be directed to take action deemed appropriate for the EPZ Section in which they reside, work, or visit. Please, look at the map on page 12 to identify which Emergency Planning Zone Section you live in.

How Would I Be Told About An Emergency?

Residents within the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) in Benton and Franklin counties would be notified by warning sirens located within the EPZ, by EAS messaging over select radio stations (following siren activation), by direct electronic telephone notification, or by Tone Alert Radios provided for limited use in schools and selected residences with Special Notification Needs. Benton and Franklin counties use the **CodeRED** Telephone Notification System (TNS). When activated by county Emergency Management officials in response to an emergency, the **CodeRED** system would notify residents via phone call, text or email. Residents are encouraged to sign up using the links available on their county's Emergency Management web page to receive the notifications.

Sign up for **CodeRED** at:

Benton County residents:

www.bces.wa.gov

Franklin County residents:

www.franklinem.org

People using recreation areas within the Emergency Planning Zones at the Richland Off-Road Vehicle Park, Horn Rapids Park, Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility, Wahluke Hunting Area or Ringold Fishing Area will be notified by sirens sounding continuously for three minutes, followed by an audible message. They will be told to evacuate the immediate area and tune to the **Emergency Alert System (EAS) radio station KONA 610 AM / 105.3 FM, KORD 102.7 FM, or KZHR 92.5 FM (Spanish language)** for more information.

If there is an emergency on the Hanford Site that threatens public safety, people using the Columbia River will hear sirens sound continuously for three minutes, followed by an audible message. These sirens are a signal to evacuate the river. Tune to the EAS KONA 610 AM / 105.3 FM, KORD 102.7 FM, or KZHR 92.5 FM (Spanish language) for more information. Other radio and television stations may also broadcast emergency information. For any radiological emergency on the Hanford Site, personnel and boats provided by the U.S. Coast Guard and the county sheriff's departments will prevent boaters from entering



SIRENS

will sound for three minutes.

WHAT ACTIONS WOULD I BE ASKED TO TAKE?

You may be asked to **EVACUATE** immediately or

You may be asked to **SHELTER IN PLACE** or

You may be asked to **MONITOR & PREPARE** or

You may be told no actions are necessary.

For more information, contact:

Benton County Emergency Management

Phone: 509-628-2600

Web: www.bces.wa.gov

Franklin County Emergency Management

Phone: 509-545-3546 or 1-800-258-5873

Web: www.franklinem.org

REMEMBER: Notification of an emergency at Columbia Generating Station or a Department of Energy nuclear facility does not always mean you should evacuate. Follow your county official's instructions. You may not need to do anything.

How Would I Be Told About An Emergency? (cont.)

the affected areas of the river. If there has been no radiological release, boaters will be advised to return to their launch points. If there has been a radiological release, boaters will be instructed to proceed to a monitoring station. Boaters would then receive further instructions. Additional notification will be made by the Coast Guard broadcast of a "Notice to Mariners" on Marine Band Channel 16. The notice and emergency instructions will then broadcast on Channel 22 every 15 minutes.

The siren warning system has been expanded to serve all Benton & Franklin counties residents who live in the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) EPZ (within about 10 miles of Columbia Generating Station).

These sirens will inform residents to **Evacuate, Shelter In Place, or Monitor & Prepare** based upon their location within the EPZ. Following siren system activation, residents would be encouraged to tune a radio to one of the EAS broadcast stations, KONA 610 AM / 105.3 FM, KORD 102.7 FM, or KZHR 92.5 FM (Spanish language). Additionally, schools and a few residents with Special Notification Needs are supplied Tone Alert Radios. These radios will be turned on automatically by a signal transmitted just before an Emergency Alert System message broadcast.



CodeRED is a telephone notification system that allows county officials to contact you directly at your preferred phone number(s) during an emergency. The best way to ensure you receive emergency alerts via **CodeRED** is to register on-line.

Follow these simple steps to get started:

- ◆ If you live in Benton County go to www.bces.wa.gov and click on the **CodeRED** link and follow the instructions or scan the Benton County QR code to the right.
- ◆ If you live in Franklin County go to www.franklinem.org and click on the **CodeRED** link and follow the instructions or scan the Franklin County QR code to the right.

If you do not have internet access, or would like more information or assistance with signing up, please contact:

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Your Emergency Tone Alert Radio

If you work at a school in the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) EPZ, or if you are one of the small number of Benton or Franklin county residents with Special Notification Needs, then you may be issued a Tone Alert Radio by county officials. Your emergency Tone Alert Radio is an important supplemental notification method regarding an emergency at one of the Hanford Site nuclear facilities or Columbia Generating Station.

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Important: To test your radio battery, unplug it from the wall outlet and ensure the radio still functions when unplugged. Press the black button on the top; you should hear the programming from the radio station or the green light will remain on. When done, plug the radio back into the wall outlet. If your radio does not work when unplugged or has a red alarm light, contact your emergency management office right away.

Benton & Franklin residents of the CGS EPZ are encouraged to register for **CodeRED** (at their county's website) to receive direct emergency notifications via phone, text, and/or e-mail.

