The Regional Municipality of Durham will be conducting its annual spring testing of the Public Alerting System within the 10-kilometre area around the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating stations.

The Public Alerting System consists of two components—outdoor sirens installed within three kilometres of the nuclear generating station, and an automated emergency telephone dialing system for indoor notification within the 10-kilometre area. Households and businesses with a land line in this area, which includes the City of Oshawa and towns of Ajax and Whitby, will receive the indoor notification.

The Public Alerting System is designed to warn residents and businesses in the unlikely event of a nuclear emergency.

The testing of the Public Alerting System will take place during regular daytime business hours on May 11 for indoor notification, and on May 12 for outdoor siren activation. The outdoor sirens will sound for up to one minute.

Individuals near the Darlington or Pickering Nuclear Generating stations, who hear sirens or receive the indoor notification, are not required to take any action.

**THIS IS ONLY A TEST.**

The next testing is scheduled to occur in fall 2017.

For more information, visit durham.ca/demo, or contact the Public Alerting Information Line at 1-866-551-5373.

If you require this information in accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2842.