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SYNERGY CHALLENGE 2021, OCTOBER 6-7, OFFERS NB POWER AND MORE THAN 40 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS A CHANCE TO PRACTICE EMERGENCY SCENARIOS

Anyone who has ever learned a new skill knows that the best way to get really good at it is practice, practice and yes, more practice.

This is even more true of team sports where people count on their team members for hand-offs and synchronized activities.

On an on-going basis, the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station (PLNGS) team practises its emergency planning and preparations across a variety of areas of the Station. It regularly conducts drills both within the Station and with community and government partners.

In addition, in compliance with requirements of the federal nuclear safety regulator, every three years, New Brunswick Power and the New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization (NBEMO) conduct a full-scale nuclear emergency exercise.

The Synergy Challenge 2021 exercise involves over 40 organizations and more than 1,000 participants (virtually and in-person). It is evaluated and observed by national and international counterparts.

This year, the exercise will take place October 6-7, 2021, at several locations across the province including PLNGS and several NB Power regional response locations, including in Saint John and St. George, as well as the NBEMO Provincial Emergency Operation Center (PEOC) in Fredericton.

The exercise will test and demonstrate the collaborative effectiveness, readiness, response capabilities and decision making by NB Power and NBEMO and emergency response partners.

Synergy Challenge 2021 will demonstrate overall preparedness for a nuclear emergency. It will ensure NB Power and the Government of New Brunswick, through NBEMO and other departments, are aligned and well rehearsed in emergency response activities.

Specifically, this year's exercise will validate existing emergency plans and procedures, demonstrate improvements made in technological and communication capabilities, and exercise nuclear response strategies at the provincial and federal levels including response to a simulated highly unlikely radiological emergency initiated by a cyber security event.



Being well prepared and practiced for the highly-unlikely case of an event at PLNGS that would require an off-site response is just one more way NB Power and NBEMO ensure the safety and security of communities across New Brunswick.

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