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SONGS sirens to be deactivated, residents reminded to register for AlertOC

SANTA ANA, Ca. (June 28, 2019) – Beginning July 1, 2019, Southern California Edison (SCE) will begin deactivating and removing a siren system from communities surrounding the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) nuclear power plant.

The roughly 50 SONGS sirens, used to alert the public if an emergency situation occurred at the plant, are located in unincorporated Orange County, the cities of San Clemente, Dana Point, and San Juan Capistrano, and the California State Beaches.

The one SONGS siren located in unincorporated Orange County will be removed.

With the removal of the siren system, OCSd will continue to rely on other emergency notification methods for the residents of Orange County. This includes the AlertOC mass notification system, which can be used to issue Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), Emergency Alert System (EAS), and emergency messages to landline phone numbers.

Orange County residents are encouraged to register at AlertOC.com or text the word ALERTOC to 888777.

“In the event of any emergency in Orange County, notification and communication with our affected residents is one of our top priorities,” said Donna Boston, Director of Emergency Management for the County of Orange. “By registering for AlertOC, you will receive timely updates that could save your life or the life of someone you love.”

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