What are ERPAs?

- Emergency Response Planning Areas (ERPAs) are geographic zones located mostly in southern New Castle County Delaware, within the ten-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ), from the Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations.

- ERPAs are used to quickly describe which geographic area is affected by an emergency.

- ERPAs have been combined using easily recognized boundaries such as major roadways, towns, waterways, etc.

- There are four ERPAs.

- ERPAs are color coded (orange, blue, green, pink) and have corresponding letters (A, B, C, D).

- The four zones have been successfully tested in radiological exercises conducted by DEMA.

- ERPAs are used to simplify notification for sheltering and evacuation of residents, visitors, schools, businesses and other facilities within the ten-mile EPZ.

New Castle County
Office of Emergency Management
302-395-2700

Kent County
Emergency Management
302-735-3465

Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA)
302-659-3362 or 877-SAY-DEMA
(877-729-3362)
WebPage: dema.delaware.gov
(click on Nuclear Hazards then Emergency Response Planning Areas)

Plan for protection in case of a radiological incident at the Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations.
Prepare Yourself

The four Emergency Response Planning Areas (ERPA) that are shaded on the map (opposite) show the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of the Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations.

- Locate your residence, business or school on the map. If you are within the colored zones, note the corresponding ERPA color and letter.

- If warning sirens are sounded, tune your radio to an Emergency Alert System (EAS) station listed below:

  - WDEL-AM 1150
  - WILM-AM 1450
  - WDSD-FM 94.7
  - WNWK-AM 1260
  - WDPZ-AM 1600
  - WJBR-FM 99.5
  - WWTX-AM 1290
  - WRDX-FM 92.9
  - Marine Channel 16
  - WDOV-AM 1410
  - WSTW-FM 93.7

- Listen for emergency instructions that pertain to your ERPA zone.

ERPA Description

ERPA A
Port Penn, Odessa, East of Townsend, North Smyrna and South St. George’s Areas
The area bounded to the west by Routes 13, 299 and 9; to the east by the Delaware River; to the north by the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal; to the south by Route 6.

ERPA B
Middletown, East of Townsend and North Smyrna Areas
The area bounded to the west by the Norfolk Southern Railroad; to the east by Route 9; to the north by Route 299; to the south by Route 6 and Smyrna Landing Road.

ERPA C
Delaware City, North Middletown, St. George’s and Reybold Areas
The area bounded to the north of Route 299 by Kirkwood St. George’s Road; to the east of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to Route 13; to the south of the Red Lion Creek and east of Route 9; to the south of the Norfolk Southern Railroad and east of Route 13 to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal; to the south of Route 72 and east of McCoy Road to Route 13.

ERPA D
The Delaware River and Bay
The area just north of Pea Patch Island, near Delaware City, south to Woodland Beach.