

BRUCE MANSFIELD PLANT STACK RAIN INCIDENT CAUSED BY EQUIPMENT PROBLEM

Shippingport, PA – On June 18, 2007, after a comprehensive investigation into the cause of a June 10, 2007, stack rain incident at FirstEnergy Generation Corp.'s Bruce Mansfield Plant, the company determined a device recently added to remove moisture from flue gas malfunctioned. It occurred when the plant's environmental system was being brought back on-line following maintenance. The incident was reported by some 25 property owners south and southwest of the plant that included portions of Shippingport Borough and Raccoon Township.

The device, called a mist eliminator, is part of the plant's flue-gas desulfurization, or scrubber system. The scrubber removes over 95 percent of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) from the plant's emissions by using a wet, lime-based process. In one of the final steps in the process, the mist eliminators remove excess moisture before the remaining flue gas is released up the plant stack. A buildup of deposits on these mist eliminators caused them to malfunction, allowing additional moisture mixed with material from the scrubber to be released in the form of stack rain.

While periodic inspections of the mist eliminators were made, plant personnel have determined that, in the future, the equipment will be inspected during regular maintenance of the scrubber system so that deposits can be removed. Improved mist eliminators were added to the plant recently as part of a project to increase removal of SO₂.

Samples of the stack rain from June 10 were collected. Laboratory testing shows it is non-hazardous.

Since the incident occurred, plant personnel met with affected residents and recommended that they limit contact with the substance by taking common-sense steps, such as washing the material off their hands, clothing and any food grown in their gardens. Plant personnel also arranged for cleanup of affected property, including washing of homes and cars. To date, cleanup has been largely completed in Shippingport and significant progress has been made in Raccoon Township. This effort should be complete by June 22.

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