

NEWS RELEASE

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Colliery Dams evacuation siren triggered by maintenance work

Residents advised that evacuation not required

Summary

At approximately 1p.m. this afternoon (Monday, April 13) communication system maintenance being performed accidentally triggered the Colliery Dams evacuation siren. Residents are advised that the sounding of the siren was a false alert and that no action is required. Many forms of communication were utilized including social media and radio to advise residents.

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- Residents are advised that the sounding of the Colliery Dams evacuation siren was a false alert; no action is required.
- Emergency response staff were immediately deployed to the area to advise residents that the siren notification was false.

Quotes

"The City will investigate how the siren was triggered and ensure preventative steps are taken."

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