

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **Early-warning siren system testing at Baker River Dam**

**BELLEVUE, Wash.** (June 3, 2021) – Puget Sound Energy is testing its early-warning siren system at the Baker River Hydroelectric Project on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. The testing plan includes sounding the sirens. The purpose of the test is to conduct operational assessments as a follow up to the early-warning siren system that was installed in 2018.

As part of PSE's Dam Safety Program, PSE upgraded the early-warning siren system, expanding the sound coverage warning area and increasing the siren system from three sirens to eight. In the unlikely event of a dam breach, the siren system would provide early-warning and immediate mass notification to the town of Concrete and the surrounding communities of Van Horn, Grasmere, Cape Horn, and Birdsvew.

Exact locations of the sirens and siren tone and verbal messages can be found at [pse.com/bakerriver](https://pse.com/bakerriver).

Siren testing is scheduled to take place June 15 between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **What you can expect during testing:**

During the operational assessments, the sirens will produce a tone and two verbal messages. This is a scheduled test and only a test of the siren system, residents are *not* called to evacuate.

If the sirens sound at any other time, without prior notice to the local media, it is not a test. Residents are to evacuate and head for higher ground, in the north and south direction, away from the Skagit River.

If you have any questions about the siren test, please email [damsafety@pse.com](mailto:damsafety@pse.com) or call 1-888-404-8773.

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