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Cumberland County Successfully Completes Federally Evaluated TMI Exercise

Cumberland County, PA- The Cumberland County Department of Public Safety (DPS) has received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that Cumberland County successfully demonstrated all requirements of the April 14, 2015 Three Mile Island nuclear power plant exercise with no deficiencies or issues found. This required federally evaluated exercise occurs every two years and includes risk and host counties surrounding the facility, several state agencies and Exelon which owns and operates the plant.

Over 65 participants consisting of DPS staff, County employees and community volunteers took part in this year's exercise in the Emergency Operations Center. Cumberland County is classified as a risk County, with portions of Lower Allen Township and New Cumberland Borough in the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) for the plant. Cumberland is also a host County with evacuation reception centers designated in Newville and Shippensburg. Cumberland County's capabilities are also evaluated as part of this exercise in an out of sequence portion that occurred on April 15th. This portion requires Cumberland County to demonstrate its ability to receive, monitor, and decontaminate, if needed, evacuees from the 10 mile EPZ. Cumberland County is also responsible to provide an Emergency Worker monitoring and decontamination location in Lemoyne.

Cumberland County thanks all participants for the time and dedication they commit to this exercise and their efforts in ensuring Cumberland County is prepared for the variety of disasters that threaten our community. For more information on the Department of Public Safety visit www.ccpa.net/publicsafety.

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