

FACT SHEET



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Decommissioning of the Benning Power Plant Under Way

Project Overview

As part of the Benning Power Plant decommissioning, Pepco Energy Services (PES) is preparing to demolish the plant's two cooling towers this month. Demolishing the cooling towers follows the June 2012 shutdown of the power plant and is not related to environmental factors or the Benning Road Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Consent Decree. The demolition activities will be conducted safely and in compliance with all applicable government regulations and standards.

Project Timeline

PES plans to start the demolition of the power plant's two cooling towers at the Benning Road Service Center on Sept. 23. As part of this process, crews will begin by taking down the superstructure of the cooling towers. These structures are made primarily of wood, plastic, fiberglass, and steel so conventional methods of demolition — including hammers, shears and heavy equipment — will be used. Once the towers are removed, the concrete cooling tower basins will be removed and the area where the cooling towers stood will be filled to grade. Completion of the removal of the cooling towers is targeted for December 2013, however demolition work associated with other power plant equipment will continue throughout this year.



What is a cooling tower?

The cooling towers are the structures located along the northwest side of the property that were used only when the power plant was operating. This equipment was used to remove heat from the process water circulating in the power plant during operation. During the limited periods of operation, these cooling towers made it possible for the water in the power plant to be recirculated and air cooled before being returned to the river.

Impact on the Community

PES will work diligently to minimize the impact of the cooling tower demolition on residents in communities near the power plant and is committed to keeping the

community informed about this project.

- During the demolition process, crews will enter the area through the 34th Street Gate and exit onto Anacostia Avenue near the Park Service's maintenance facility. PES expects about eight to 10 trucks will pass through the demolition site each day. In accordance with Title V air permit mandates, all trucks removing demolition debris will be fully covered to avoid spillage on the roads.
- Work will be performed between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- PES will take reasonable precautions to minimize the emission of dust. PES projects the cooling tower demolition will generate very little dusting because of the type of materials used. However, if dusting does occur, PES will control the dust by misting the cooling tower vicinity with water.
- PES projects noise levels from cooling tower demolition will be minimal and will comply with city noise ordinances.
- Residents may see a small amount of smoke for two or three days per cooling tower as a result of metal cutting activities.
- All cooling tower demolition and debris removal activities will be conducted in accordance with all applicable environmental and other regulatory requirements.

PES's Commitment to Keeping you Informed

It is our commitment to the community that the demolition process is safe and conducted in compliance with all applicable government regulations and standards. PES site supervisors, contractors and security and safety teams have established appropriate procedures to safely monitor the demolition activities and prevent any potential hazard. For more information and updates, community members can visit the dedicated website at benningervicecenter.com or call (202) 730-1199.