New Site Siren System

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BNL's Alert and Notification Systems

Site Sirens

- Alerts those who are outdoors with two types of actions
 - Shelter in place
 - Evacuate
- Tone Alert Radios
 - Gives instructions to personnel indoors on what to do in the event of an emergency
- Everbridge Mass Notification System
 - A reverse 911 system that can call, text or e-mail



What is The Site Siren System

- Used to alert those who are outdoors to either seek shelter or evacuate the BNL site
- The current system uses 2 signals to alert staff for specific actions
 - Steady sound for 5 minutes Shelter in Place
 - Intermittent sound Evacuate the Site
- Tested every Monday at noon
- May be heard off site



Current Site Sirens

- Mechanical in nature
- Hard, if not impossible, to find replacement parts
- Only allows 2 sounds Intermittent and steady
- Reliance on electrical power
- Hardwired activation



New Site Siren System

- Electronic sounds
- Can be used as a Public Address System
- Has pre-installed voice commands
- Has additional sounds pre-installed
- Relies on marine batteries and uses solar power to re-charge the batteries
- Wireless
- Can be expanded with either new sirens or speaker systems (UVIC)



New Site Siren System

- 4 siren locations
 - Near the light as you enter the BNL
 - In between NSLS and NSLS II
 - Near BGRR
 - The southern portion of the RHIC ring
- 2 remote Speakers (UVIC's)
 - National Weather Service
 - Sewage Treatment Plant



What are the Benefits of Installing the New Site Siren System

- Wireless
 - No dependency on landlines
- Battery powered with solar recharging
 - Can still activate when power is out
- Notification flexibility
 - Can give voice commands
 - Verbal instructions during sever weather events
 - Guest and visitors can understand the actions required
 - Not limited to 2 actions





- Internal communications to BNL employees, guests, users and visitors
- External communication to educate the surrounding community, local governments, schools and companies doing business with BNL
 - Sirens may be heard off site



Questions





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