

Emergency declared at La Salle power plant

Better safe within plant specs.

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Exelon Nuclear officials say operators at the LaSalle Generating Station in northern Illinois declared a "site area emergency" early this morning during a shutdown of the Unit One reactor.

Exelon says the emergency was declared at 12:28 a.m. and was over at 4:27 a.m. There were no injuries, no radiological releases and no equipment damage.

The company declared the emergency after plant personnel were unable to confirm the position of three of 185 control rods following a shutdown of the reactor for a scheduled refueling outage.

Exelon says personnel are trying to determine why the control rod indicators showed the rods weren't inserted properly.

A site area emergency is the second-highest level of emergency classification established by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

LaSalle Generating Station is located about 55 miles southwest of Chicago.