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For further information on specifically about the emergency plans and the planning arrangement for Springfields Fuels Limited please contact Lancashire County Council.

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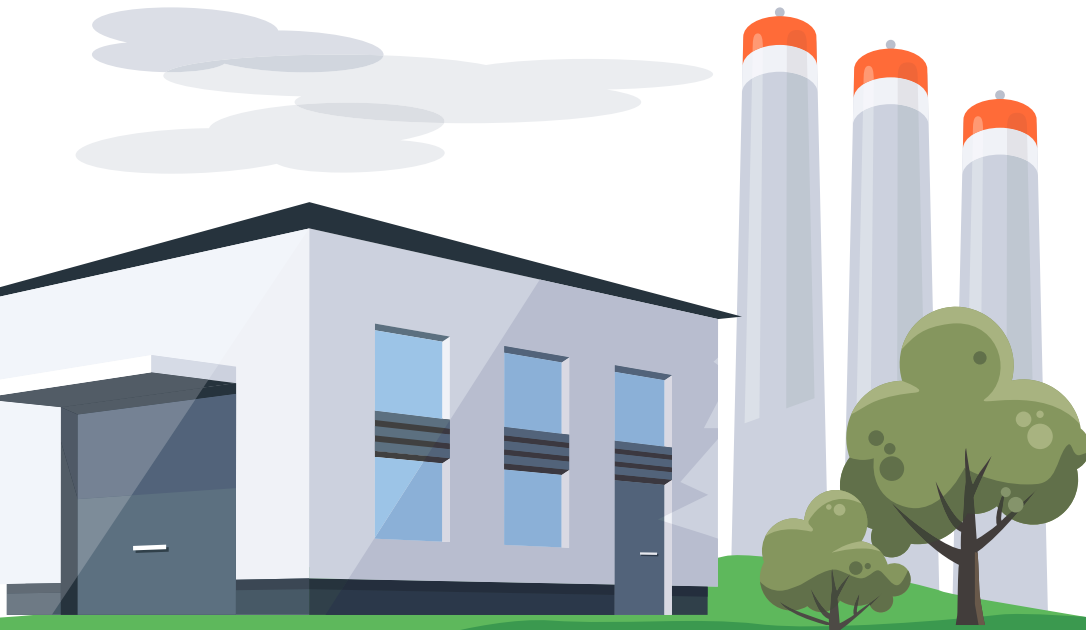
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Springfields Fuels Limited



Advice and information for those living and working in the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone.



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Introduction

This leaflet gives advice on what to do in the event of an emergency at the Springfields Site. It must be stressed that the possibility of such an emergency is remote and that the design and operation of all plants on the site is to the highest standards of safety which are independently monitored by the Regulators the Office for Nuclear Regulations (ONR) and the Environment Agency (EA).

About the Site

Springfields is an industrial chemical site which produces and supplies nuclear fuel and intermediates for civil nuclear programmes at home and abroad. Since 1946 when operations began at Springfields there has never been a gaseous release which has affected people off site and it is important to understand that the possibility of such an incident is very remote. The plant is designed and operated to the highest safety standards. However, it is still important that local residents understand the potential hazard associated with the materials handled at Springfields and know what to do in an emergency, no matter how remote.

The Springfields site is an Upper Tier Establishment as defined in the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH) 2015 and is also covered by the provisions under the Radiation

(Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019 (REPPPIR).

Notification and Safety Reports have to be submitted by Springfields Fuels Ltd to the Competent Authority to comply with these Regulations, e.g. Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) and Environment Agency (EA).

Key Actions to take in an Emergency

If you hear the Site Siren or if you smell unusually strong, irritating fumes you should remain calm, go indoors and follow the instructions below:

- Stay In doors, close all doors and windows. If possible go upstairs, into a room facing away from the site. Bring any domestic animals indoors if possible but for any others not within your immediate property, should be left outside.
- Put out or switch off all heating systems, ventilation fans and air conditioning systems to avoid drawing in outside air.
- Remain indoors until you are told by a police officer or other official that the danger has passed.
- Tune in to your local radio station, TV channel or social media for announcements telling you what to do.

Protective Actions

Shelter: Sheltering is the automatic protective action in the initial stages of a response and can dramatically reduce the levels of radiation and / or chemicals you could be exposed to. Therefore do not hesitate in making your way indoors if notified to do so. This could be in your own home, or in the nearest building.

Food and Water Restrictions:

If a radioactive release occurred, radioactive material could contaminate agricultural food production (for example crops in fields and allotments) over a wide area. The Food Standards Agency advice will protect those people who may consume this contaminated food on a regular basis and over a long period of time. The area covered by food advice is therefore likely to be larger than the area in which evacuation or shelter is required.

Food, Water & Medicines: it is safe to use food stored indoors, for example in homes or shops, medicines stored in their normal packaging and mains tap water, unless told otherwise. However, you should wait for official guidance

on using private water supplies, consuming food stored outdoors, for example on open-air markets or stalls and harvesting fresh produce to eat, for example from a garden or allotment.

Road closures: In the event of an emergency, it's likely that a number of roads may need to be closed to assist evacuations and the work of the emergency services. Please don't ignore road closure signs, they are there for a reason and your safety.

Evacuate: You may be advised to evacuate your home by Lancashire Constabulary but you must remain in shelter until told to do so. If evacuation is implemented, please follow the instructions given to you including on where you are being evacuated to. Evacuation is most likely to affect those people living/ working immediately adjacent to the site.

