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Good morning,

We wanted to provide a quick update on WAPA's COVID-19 response. The Sierra Nevada Region conducted two consecutive four-day tests of sequestration processes and procedures for its power system dispatchers. The first test was held April 27 at 4 p.m. to May 1 at 4 p.m., and the second test began May 1 at 4 p.m. and ended at 7 p.m. May 5. Both tests ran 24 hours each day.

The objective of the tests was to ensure SN is prepared in case it becomes necessary to sequester their power system dispatchers for an extended time due to increased COVID-19 concerns. Other regions have also developed sequestration plans in case the need arises.

Sequestering dispatchers, or having them live at the work site, helps protect these essential workers from exposure to COVID-19 and will help ensure we are capable of providing reliable electricity to our customers and the communities they serve during this pandemic.

The exercise was a success in that SN was able to continue running the grid without incident related to sequestration. The lessons learned from this exercise will provide valuable feedback to SN, WAPA, neighboring utilities and the Department of Energy.

We have also started developing a Responsible Workplace Reentry plan in concert with the Department of Energy and following the White House's *Opening up America Again* guidelines. Testing sequestration and also planning for a responsible reentry into the workplace are both valuable exercises given the different circumstances around WAPA's territory.

The reentry plan will provide an overarching strategy for WAPA, prerequisite criteria for workplace reentry and clearly defined guidance that regional managers can implement based on local circumstances. This plan is still in its initial stages of development, and we do not anticipate significant changes to how WAPA has been operating for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your local representative or COVID-19@wapa.gov.

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