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JAMESTOWN BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RETIRING THREE TRANSFORMERS CONTAINING POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities is retiring three of its remaining transformers containing Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB transformers). The PCB transformers will be disposed of through a public bidding process and replaced with non-PCB transformers, thereby further minimizing the risk of contact with PCBs at the BPU's facilities. The project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In the enforcement action, the USEPA determined that, although PCB transformers within the BPU's Samuel A. Carlson Generating Station were appropriately labeled, the entryways surrounding the transformers were not marked with the PCB mark "M_L".

In lieu of payment of the full penalty, the BPU has elected, with the EPA's approval, to take a pro-active approach to minimize environmental liability and to complete early retirement of the three PCB transformers.

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