

CHIPPEWA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

NEWSLETTER

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NATION'S POWER PLANTS ON HIGH ALERT

Member tour of Dairyland Power Cooperative facilities still planned

Although we've all tried to get our lives back to normal after the September 11th attacks, some things will take time, and some may never again be "business as usual."

For more than 25 years, Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative has provided a member tour of the Dairyland Power Cooperative headquarters and one of the generating facilities at Genoa or Alma. It's a great opportunity for our members to see firsthand what it takes to produce electricity and get it from the generating plants to their own homes.

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11 and the threat of more attacks possible, our nation's leaders have put our energy-generating facilities on high-security alert. We recently received word that our tour will be allowed; however, because of the close proximity of the nuclear plant at Genoa, we won't be touring the Genoa plant but will tour the generating plant at Alma.

Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) is a generation and transmission cooperative—G & T for short—that supplies wholesale power to 25 rural electric cooperative and 18 municipal utilities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois. The DPC system serves more than 234,000 meters across our region, providing electricity to more than one-half million consumers. There are nearly 50,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines used to transport electricity to our homes, farms, and businesses.

Dairyland Power Cooperative has eight generating plants in the state: three coal-fired generators at Genoa and two at Alma, one hydroelectric generator at

Ladysmith, and two at Elk Mound, which are combination units that will run on natural gas or fuel oil.



Members view the massive equipment at a Dairyland Power Cooperative generating facility on a previous tour.

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ANTARCTIC ICE THICKENING, NOT MELTING

Advocates of regulating electric generation to accommodate global temperature change were no doubt alarmed last month when two respected scientific journals reported data that suggested things are turning cooler, not warmer.

In Mid-January, the journal *Science* published a paper by researchers from the University of California and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Cal Tech

showing that contrary to prior estimates, the Antarctic ice shelf is getting thicker.

Global warming proponents have warned that melting glaciers and ice packs would raise sea levels worldwide, with disastrous consequences. But the researchers found western Antarctica has been freezing additional ice at the rate of almost 27 billion tons annually.

This news followed just days after a report in the journal

Nature that revealed a 34-year cooling trend in parts of Antarctica long regarded as a bellwether of climate change.

A team led by a university of Illinois scientist found that temperatures in Antarctica's dry inland valleys and across the continent reflected a net cooling since 1966, with the most pronounced effect - a net drop of about one degree - occurring during the 14 years ending in 1999.

POWER PLANTS

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Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative believes that it's important for the members to know more about their cooperative, how it functions, and what is involved in providing the services we've all come to expect.

The tour date has been set for April 17. It takes an entire day, leaving from the cooperative headquarters in Cornell around 7 a.m. and returning around 4 p.m. Everyone is then invited to join the staff for dinner at one of our local supper clubs. The cooperative covers all expenses for the day.

If you're interested in taking the tour, please fill out the form and return it to the cooperative prior to April 11. Please feel free to call the cooperative if you have any questions.



DAIRYLAND POWER BUS TOUR

YES, I am interested in joining Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative on a tour of Dairyland Power Cooperative.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Street _____

City _____

I will bring my spouse or a friend _____

Please return this form by April 11
to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative,
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