Questions and answers

1. When should we shelter in place?

In Montréal, as in several large cities, industries rub shoulders with residential areas, creating significant risks in the event of a major plant accident. This is why the City of Montreal is working closely with industries dealing with hazardous substances to reduce risks of major industrial accidents involving the release of toxic gas.

The City of Montreal Public Safety uses several methods to warn the public.

2. How long does the shelter in place siren sound?

The shelter in place alert siren is activated for three minutes and transmits a modulated audible alert.

3. How do I know that the emergency ended?

An emergency situation is managed by the City of Montreal Public Safety (CSC). When the emergency situation is under control and that the risks are under control, the Sulphur Plant in collaboration with CSC confirms the end of alert. A modulated siren will sound for 60 seconds. Subsequently, a communication to the public will be made by the CSC.

For more details visit the City of Montreal Public Safety web page.

4. How and when are sirens tested?

The sirens of the sulfur plant are tested in silent mode once a month and as well as 9-1-1 communications systems. Since 2007, the sulfur plant has been participating in the annual tests in collaboration with the City of Montreal Public Safety.

5. What is the difference between the Suncor Montreal Refinery Siren and the Suncor Montreal Sulfur Plant?

The shelter in place alert siren is activated for 3 minutes and transmits a modulated audible alert. It should not be confused with the evacuation siren tests of the neighboring plants like the Suncor Montreal Refinery which are activated every Tuesday at 11:00 AM in the East of Montreal.