

**September 5, 2017**

## **TESTING OF A PUBLIC WARNING SIREN**

**HALTON HILLS, ON** – On Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 10 am, Saputo Inc. will be performing a siren testing, in collaboration with the Town of Halton Hills. This test of the public warning system is part of sound risk management practices meeting Environment Canada’s regulatory requirements.

**Residents of Halton Hills should know that no specific action is required on their part during the September 28 siren testing.**

Saputo uses ammonia for cooling in their manufacturing and storage process at the plant located at 279 Guelph Street, Georgetown. Ammonia is a well-known and commonly-used refrigerant in commercial and industrial operations. While no major leaks have occurred at this facility, Saputo’s preparedness efforts involve informing and educating the public and having a what-do-to strategy in place.

The primary responsibility of the Halton Hills Fire Department is to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and property. It is with this in mind that the department partnered with Saputo to ensure accurate and timely information on safety protocols was produced and distributed.

An informational pamphlet will be distributed in an approximate 2 km area around the Saputo plant. The message tells people to ‘shelter in place’ should they hear a three minute, loud wailing siren. The siren will emit a long continuous tone for one minute when the danger has passed. Firefighters will also be visiting area businesses and providing notification to specific populations such as schools and seniors’ buildings.

The siren activation system is a commonly-used method in emergency preparedness to provide early and effective notification to the community.” said Halton Hills Fire Chief John deHooge.

Mayor Rick Bonnette noted that “The siren may be unfamiliar to people so I encourage residents to ensure their whole family knows what the siren means and which procedures to follow when they hear it.”

Questions about safety protocols or about the information document may be directed to the Halton Hills Fire Department at 905-873-2601, ext. 2102 or via email at: [harryo@haltonhills.ca](mailto:harryo@haltonhills.ca).

### **About the Town of Halton Hills**

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

### **About Saputo**

Saputo produces, markets, and distributes a wide array of dairy products of the utmost quality, including cheese, fluid milk, extended shelf-life milk and cream products, cultured products and dairy ingredients. Saputo is one of the top ten dairy processors in the world, the largest cheese manufacturer and the leading fluid milk and cream processor in Canada, one of the top three dairy processors in Argentina, and among the top four in Australia. In the US, Saputo ranks among the top three cheese producers and is one of the largest producers of extended shelf-life and cultured dairy products. Our products are sold in several countries under well-known brand names such as *Saputo*, *Alexis de Portneuf*, *Armstrong*, *COON*, *Cracker Barrel\**, *Dairyland*, *DairyStar*, *Friendship Dairies*, *Friigo Cheese Heads*, *La Paulina*, *Milk2Go/Lait's Go*, *Neilson*, *Nutralait*, *Scotsburn\**, *Stella*, *Sungold*, *Treasure Cave* and *Woolwich Dairy*. Saputo Inc. is a publicly traded company and its shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "SAP".

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