Prep makes Texas-like grid failure less likely

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By Robert Houk

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JEFF DYKES
BrightRidge CEO

‘I think coming out of this there will be heavy planning for severe storms.’

BrightRidge electricity

WHERE THE POWER COMES FROM

Dykes told BrightRidge board members last week that more than 51% of electricity in Northeast Tennessee? comes from natural gas-fueled power plants, accounts for just 9% of power generation, while there is no such option in Texas. TVA still generates 19% of its power generation, while nuclear, which represents 40% of TVA’s power generation, accounts for just 9% of power generation. While severe weather a wildcard, utility chief says resource diversity, ice readiness help buffer region.

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For reporter, vaccination a blessing ... and a reminder

By John Thompson

Public health nurse Codie Berry administers the COVID-19 vaccination to Johnson City Press reporter John Thompson on Saturday morning.

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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By J.H. Osborne

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A person wearing a face mask walks through steam vented from a manhole in Philadelphia in January.
VACCINATION: Memories of polio scourge

Although I was too young to remember the polio vaccine, I do have some memories of how worried my family was after the outbreak of polio in the 1950s. My daughter Sarah was born in 1958, and she was vaccinated against polio when she was 2 years old. Sarah's vaccination was part of a national program to eradicate polio in the United States. Sarah's memories of her vaccination remind me of how much the polio vaccine has improved public health in the United States.

The polio vaccine was developed in the 1950s and has been a major factor in the eradication of polio in the United States. The vaccine has been used to eliminate polio in most countries around the world, and it has saved millions of lives.

Despite the success of the polio vaccine, there are still some people who are opposed to vaccination. These people may fear that vaccines are dangerous or that they do not work. However, the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks. Vaccination is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

In conclusion, the polio vaccine has been a major factor in the eradication of polio in the United States. The vaccine has saved millions of lives and has helped to improve public health around the world. The benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks, and I urge all people to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their communities.


LIGHT: ‘Let’s be cautiously optimistic’

Despite reports of February. Reported deaths have fallen 80% over the last month, and the highest number of deaths in the United States is expected to be the last one week of January. This is because the risk of death from the virus — allowing it to refute — is much lower than the current rate of infection.

And while the vaccines offer some protection against severe illness, the risk of death from the virus is still high. So let’s be cautious and continue to follow public health guidelines.

CONCLUSIONS

Thank you for your attention. I hope that this presentation has helped you understand the importance of vaccination. For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

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