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Warning Siren Goes Off in Hilo in Apparent Malfunction; Technicians are Investigating Possibility of an Electrical Fault

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HONOLULU – An apparent malfunction in the Hawai'i All-Hazard Statewide Outdoor Warning Siren System Saturday night caused at least one siren on the Big Island in central Hilo to sound in error for about 5 minutes around 8:30 p.m. HST.

There is **no emergency** and residents and visitors should **disregard** the siren.

The erroneous siren was reported almost immediately to Hawai'i County Civil Defense, which notified the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) State Warning Point. The HI-EMA State Warning Point deactivated the siren. Neither HI-EMA nor Hawai'i County Civil Defense reported any action on their part that would have led to the siren activation.

Technicians are attempting to determine whether an electrical malfunction caused the siren to sound.

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