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## Residents report loud sounds at compressor station

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MATTIE — No problems or malfunctions occurred at the compressor station south of Clearville although residents saw smoke and heard sounds like electrical “snapping” and “popping” that sounded similar to firecrackers coming from the Spectra Energy plant Saturday night.

Everett Fire Company responded to the Steckman Ridge compressor station after calls from residents.

Michele Beegle and Angel Smith said the event was alarming. They are neighbors who live about a half-mile away from the station that has the capacity to store 12 billion cubic feet of natural gas in a depleted underground gas field in the Clearville area.

Beegle said the strange noises lasted about three hours. During the incident, Beegle said she and her husband, Robert, smelled an acrid odor.

“I went out about 9 (p.m.) and my husband went out about 9:30 and I said ‘Listen, (another neighbor) must be setting off firecrackers.’ It sounded like firecrackers.”

She said her husband said it sounded like popping, similar to electrical sounds. Her brother-in-law, who lives closer to the station, also called her and said he saw the station was “smoking.”

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