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Deadly bacteria infects Aargau nuclear plant - Tuesday, 28 June, 2011, 11:39

The cooling water of the Leibstadt nuclear power plant in the canton of Aargau is infected with bacteria that causes legionnaires' disease.

The plant will use disinfectant products as a precaution for its employees, say officials.

Legionnaires' disease, which initially broke out in the U.S. in the 1970s, is potentially fatal if not treated appropriately.

Caused by a bacteria. it can lead to pneumonia.

However, officials in Aargau say health risks for people near the plant are extremely small.

Residents might smell some chlorine as disinfection is carried out, and cooling water dumped in the Rhine could have a foam on it, according to information released by the plant.