

## Activity at Russian volcano increasing

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PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKY, Russia - Experts monitoring Russia's massive Klyuchevskaya Sopka volcano said Monday it was spewing ash more than four miles into the sky.

In addition to the huge ash column, volcanic station head Yuri Demyanchuk said the volcano launched volcanic dust nearly 5.6 miles into the air Sunday as its activity continued to increase, Itar-Tass reported.

Demyanchuk said while some ash ultimately fell on nearby residential areas, there was no pressing need to evacuate the region.

The last time the Klyuchevskaya Sopka erupted was in 2005. On average, the major volcano erupts once every five or six years.

While it is not expected to erupt in the immediate future, Itar-Tass reported that local residents' house windows have repeatedly been shaken by massive explosions from the volcano.

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