



# Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Berkeley

Report for period 01 January to 31 March 2014

## Foreword

This report is issued as part of ONR's commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the above site available to the public. Reports are distributed quarterly to members for the Berkeley Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lrc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend the Berkeley Site Stakeholder Group meetings and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR.

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## 1 INSPECTIONS

### Dates of inspection

- 1.1 The ONR site and assessment inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the quarter:
- 19 February 2014
  - 25-27 February 2014
  - 25 March 2014

## 2 ROUTINE MATTERS

### Inspections

- 2.1 Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with:
- The Energy Act 2013;
  - The conditions attached by ONR to the nuclear site licence granted under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (NIA65) (as amended);
  - The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74); and
  - Regulations made under HSWA74, for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR99) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).
- 2.2 The inspections entail monitoring licensee's actions on the site in relation to incidents, operations, maintenance, projects, modifications, safety case changes and any other matters that may affect safety. The licensee is required to make and implement adequate arrangements under the conditions attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation.
- 2.3 In this period, routine inspections of Berkeley covered the following:
- Modifications on existing plant
  - Control and supervision of operations
  - Accumulation of radioactive waste
  - Installation of new plant
  - Commissioning new plant
  - The fire safety case for the vaults
- 2.4 In general, ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety requirements to be adequate in the areas inspected. However, where improvements were considered necessary, the licensee made satisfactory commitments to address the issues, and the site inspector will monitor progress during future visits. Where necessary, ONR will take formal regulatory enforcement action to ensure that appropriate remedial measures are implemented to reasonably practicable timescales.

### Other work

- 2.5 The site inspector attended the site stakeholder group meeting in January.

### 3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

- 3.1 Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee's response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements. There were no such matters or events of significance during the period

### 4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

- 4.1 ONR inspectors, specialist inspectors and HSE inspectors may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Under nuclear site licence conditions, ONR issues regulatory documents, which either permit an activity or require some form of action to be taken; these are usually collectively termed 'Licence Instruments' (LIs), but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may issue Enforcement Notices to secure improvements to safety. No LIs or Enforcement Notices were issued during the period.
- 4.2 Reports detailing regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

### 5 NEWS FROM ONR

- 5.1 Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found in ONR's Quarterly News. The online publication (<http://www.onr.org.uk/onr-quarterly-report.htm>) reports on the key themes and developments in each of ONR's regulatory programmes and provides an update about the ongoing changes at ONR. <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>. For the latest news and updates from ONR visit the website and sign up for our ebulletin (<http://www.onr.org.uk/ebulletin/index.htm>).

#### ONR is changing

- 5.2 On 1 April 2014, ONR was established as a Public Corporation under the Energy Act 2013. As a result of our change in legal status, the way that we operate will evolve as we make use of the flexibility that the new status affords us. The **Energy Act 2013** clarifies the legal framework for regulation of GB nuclear sites and the responsibility now rests firmly with ONR.
- 5.3 In addition, the legislative changes give ONR the powers to regulate conventional health and safety. This change to legislation will give us the necessary powers to continue to provide efficient and effective regulation of the nuclear industry, holding it to account on behalf of the public.
- 5.4 To support the launch of ONR as a Public Corporation, ONR has its own logo which will be used on all documents and other external communication media. Other changes include a new enforcement policy statement, a new website and email addresses, a new Annual Plan 2014/15, new warrants for inspectors, and new ONR branded personal protective equipment.

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