



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for HM Naval Base Clyde

Report for period 01 January 2014 - 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 Clyde Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Clyde Local Liaison Committee 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

The majority of sites inspected by ONR are licensed by ONR under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (as amended). HM Naval Base Clyde is not a licensed site although it operates under authorisation from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator (DNSR). The site comprises the Faslane and Coulport facilities and is regulated by ONR through other legislation as noted below. This report summarises the inspection and regulatory activities associated with HM Naval Base Clyde which are co-ordinated with inspections by DNSR.

1.1 Dates of inspection

The ONR site inspector made visits on the following dates during the quarter:

19 to 20 March 2014.

The ONR Superintending Inspector, head of the propulsion sub-programme, visited the Faslane Site on:

20 March 2014

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

Inspections on site are undertaken as part of monitoring compliance with:

- The Health and Safety at Work etc Act (HSWA) 1974 and
- Regulations made under the HSWA for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR99), the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPPPIR) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSW99).

In this period no inspections of HMNB Clyde were carried out.

2.2 Other work

Level 2 Regulatory Interface Forum.

The Superintending Inspector for Naval Nuclear Propulsion Plant Inspection and the Site Inspector attended the Level 2 Regulatory Interface Forum (RIF). This is a regular meeting of senior base personnel and regulatory bodies (ONR, DNSR, SEPA and Defence Ordnance Safety Regulator (DOSR)). The purpose of the meeting is for HMNB Clyde to give an update on specific issues relating to regulatory matters, in particular the progress of the key activities being undertaken at Faslane and Coulport.

The presentations supplied by the base were informative and showed that the base management are aware of and proactively managing any safety issues identified on the base.

Following on from the radiation protection reports discussed in the 2013 Quarter 4 LLC report the base confirmed that they had completed the investigation into the events and that a plan had been put in place to prevent a repeat. DNSR reported that they had carried out a short notice inspection of the shiplift with the internal regulation team and confirmed that the arrangements they witnessed were effective

ONR raised the lack of receipt of a material change under REPPPIR arising from use of the Valiant Jetty and requested that the base confirm whether there had been no change to the Report of Assessment that had previously been submitted to ONR.

ONR concluded that the meeting was an open and honest discussion of the issues at Clyde and that it was apparent that, in general, the base was being proactive in managing safety issues.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

Operators are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the operator'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

Under health and safety legislation ONR site inspectors, and other HSE inspectors, may issue enforcement (Crown) notices to secure improvements to safety.

- No enforcement (Crown) notices were issued during the quarter.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

ONR is changing

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.

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.

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.

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>).

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