



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

Report for period 01 April 2014 – 30 June 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 inspections on the following dates during the quarter:

6th to 7th May 2014

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with:

- 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).

In this period, routine inspections of (site/station) covered the following:

Emergency preparedness

An exercise took place at Coulport in May. This involved a demonstration of the Authorisee's ability to transfer command and control to the back up Depot Emergency Headquarters (DEHQ). The transfer of command and control went well, with the information in the DEHQ being duplicated in the back-up DEHQ. The exercise also included a planned shift handover, which was implemented effectively.

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 duty holder 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.

2.2 Other work

No other work was carried out at Clyde during the period.

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.

Matters and events of particular note during the period were:

An incident occurred on site involving a radiography source, which was reported in June. The incident resulted in a small dose uptake to an operator and is being dealt with in accordance with the Authorisee's arrangements. ONR is monitoring the situation.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

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.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

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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