



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for GE Healthcare Ltd, Maynard Centre, Cardiff

Report for period 1 January – 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 Maynard Centre available to the public. Reports are distributed quarterly to members for the Maynard Centre Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend the Maynard Centre 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

1.1 Dates of inspection

The ONR site inspector and other ONR inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the quarter:

25 March 2014

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

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

- the conditions attached by ONR to the nuclear site licence granted under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (NIA65) (as amended);
- the Energy Act 2013
- 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).

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.

In this period, on 25 March 2014, ONR's Conventional Health & Safety Team carried out a routine inspection of the site's Legionella Management Plan and specific details in relation to the site's cooling towers. ONR made observations in relation to the site's risk assessment, air inlets, work at height arrangements, refurbishment and sample positions.

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.

2.2 Other work

ONR attended GE Healthcare's annual review of safety and environmental protection covering its Amersham and Cardiff sites on 27 March 2014. The annual review meeting considered a report of GE Healthcare's performance in 2013, and discussions focused on key points including:

- Integration of the management of Amersham and Cardiff nuclear operations into the Grove Centre's organisational structure
- New senior site safety and environmental personnel
- Cardiff decommissioning progress and delicensing/relicensing planning

ONR provided feedback to GE Healthcare on our impression of the licensee's performance over the year:

- At Cardiff, GE Healthcare demonstrated in our view good progress towards achieving its aims to delicense and relicense the site. We observed very good and proactive engagement and communication with ONR, including early sharing of strategy.
- Overall, our impression was of two well-run sites, striking a good balance in meeting requirements across the various regulatory frameworks.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

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.

ONR held meetings and teleconferences with the licensee on 10 & 23 January, 11 & 13 February and 13 March 2014 to discuss the licensee's progress towards preparing its application to delicense and relicense the site. Documentation to support the clearances of the spine corridor and CD1 building at the Maynard Centre for delicensing was submitted on 3 February and 27 March 2014 respectively.

One of GE Healthcare's contractors, a warehousing and transport company, submitted a report to HSE under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 of an accident on the licensee's site which occurred on 3 January 2014. The notification was for one of its employees, a lorry driver, who slipped in the rain and fell, hitting his head and shoulder, losing consciousness briefly. He was placed in a neck brace and hospitalised by ambulance.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

No LIs or Enforcement Notices were issued during the period. Reports detailing regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

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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