



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

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 Oldbury Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend the Oldbury 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 specialist inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the quarter:
- 27-31 January 2014
  - 12-14 March 2014
  - 25-26 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 Oldbury covered the following:
- A system inspection of the spent fuel route from the pond to dispatch
  - Modifications or experiments on existing plant
  - Examination, maintenance, inspection and testing
  - Consignment of nuclear matter
  - Incidents on the site
  - Emergency arrangements
  - Control and supervision of operations
  - Documents, records, authorities and certificates
  - Control of chemicals
- 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 January 2014 Site Stakeholder Group meeting.

### 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.
- 3.2 There was one event of particular note during the period when a duplicate interlock key was issued. This meant that personnel could have entered a maintenance room when spent fuel was being moved through it. In this instance no one was in the room during the operation. The error was quickly recognised, the door locked and an investigation instigated. Magnox are considering the rating of the incident under the International Nuclear Event Scale (INES) before advising ONR. The ONR INES officer will decide on the rating by comparing this advice to the INES rating guidance issued by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

### 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. The following LIs and Enforcement Notices have been issued during the period:

**Table 1**  
**Licence Instruments and Enforcement Notices Issued by ONR during this period**

Date	Type	Ref No	Description
27/03/14	Approval	547	Request for approval of amendment to the Oldbury site emergency plan
27/03/14	Approval	548	Request for approval of amendment to the Oldbury plant maintenance schedule preface
27/03/14	Agreement	549	Request for agreement for extension of any interval specified in the plant maintenance schedule

- 4.2 Reports detailing the above 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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