

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Rosyth Royal Dockyard

Report for period 01 July – 30 September 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 of the Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend 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 made visits to the site on the following dates during the quarter:

29 July 2014
5 September 2014
29-30 September

The ONR Superintending Inspector visited the site on 5 September 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, routine inspections of site covered the following:

Emergency Arrangements

This inspection consisted of a review of the emergency arrangements made to comply with Licence Condition (LC) 11 and supporting evidence of compliance.

The LC11 inspection confirmed that the level of the licensee's emergency preparedness was good, however it did identify that the licensee was not operating to the emergency arrangements formally agreed with ONR. As there was no actual material change in the arrangements, no further action will be taken and the licensee will submit the new arrangements for formal agreement.

The LC11 inspection also demonstrated that the licensee's self-assessment was generally of good quality and had identified a number of areas for improvement. One of these areas related to the unavailability of the wind speed direction indicator. Further investigation by the inspector raised concerns over the adequacy of maintenance of some emergency related equipment and the inspector requested Site to investigate the shortfall and take any necessary corrective action to help prevent a recurrence.

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

Site Meetings

The Site Inspector attended a number of meetings (29 July, 5 September and 29 September) to monitor progress against issues on the site. One of these meetings was a strategic meeting involving the Superintending Inspector with responsibility for the propulsion sub-programme and the RRDL Director and General Manager.

The licensee reported during these meetings that they had strengthened their nuclear safety team. They also reported progress on a number of outstanding issues that had been highlighted by previous inspections.

ONR informed the licensee of their concerns over the lack of a suitable waste route for radium waste from Dalgetty Bay that is stored on the base. Whilst we understand that the availability of the waste route is beyond the licensee's control, if the issue continues then ONR would expect the licensee to review the adequacy of the current storage arrangements.

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.

There were no such matters or events of significance during the period.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

ONR 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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