



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

Report for period 01 April – 30 June 2015

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/llic/>).

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 under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965. 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 to the site on the following dates during the quarter:

28 to 29 April 2015.

6 May 2015.

9 June 2015.

An ONR Principal Inspector in Radiation Protection visited the site on the following dates during the quarter:

28 to 29 April 2015.

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), the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPPPIR), and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

In April the Coulport site held its annual (Level 1) demonstration emergency exercise i.e. an exercise that concentrates primarily on the operator's actions on and off the site. As is the normal practice for such exercises on a MoD Authorised Site, ONR supported DNSR in assessing the exercise. ONR concurred with DNSR's assessment of the exercise being an adequate demonstration.

2.2 Other work

The Site Inspector attended the routine regulatory interface meeting that provides an opportunity for regulators to engage directly with the senior management team of the naval base.

The Site Inspector attended a number of meetings during the above site visits to provide input to planning for future emergency exercise demonstrations to be undertaken at HMNB Clyde.

A previous inspection of the arrangements for investigating incidents on the site (undertaken jointly with DNSR) had identified shortfalls in a number of areas, in particular the completeness of investigations, the time taken to conclude some investigations, the tracking of corrective actions, and the effectiveness of actions placed. The ONR Site Inspector attended a site meeting where representatives from HMNB Clyde provided an update to DNSR and ONR on progress with modifying arrangements to address these findings. A significant programme of work has been implemented, with a complete overhaul of processes for the

reporting, investigation and assessment of Site Nuclear Events. Adequacy of the revised arrangements will be monitored through future site inspection activities.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

Authorisees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the Authorisee's response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements.

It was reported in the previous quarterly report that subsequent to an event during radiography operations on the site, ONR had written to the duty-holder highlighting the non-compliance with the regulations and identifying the areas that needed corrective action to help prevent a recurrence. A formal response has been provided to the ONR enforcement letter confirming that all required actions have been completed. Evidence of updated procedures has been examined and the matter is now closed.

ONR were informed of an event in a radiography enclosure where the source failed to retract. The ONR inspector was satisfied with the site actions to recover the source and to confirm extent of condition before resuming radiography operations on the site. Copies of the site investigation reports are currently awaited and will be followed up during future site inspections.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

ONR inspectors may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. No such documents were issued during this 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 on-going changes at ONR. For the latest news and updates from ONR visit the website and sign up for our e-bulletin (<http://www.onr.org.uk/ebulletin/index.htm>).

ONR published its [Annual Report and Accounts for 2014/15](#) on 29 June. The report details key developments during our first year as a public corporation including:

- progress against ONR's Annual Plan 2014/15, including the Chief Nuclear Inspector's annual statement on the safety and security performance of the nuclear industry;
- details of management arrangements and how our resources have been utilised;
- a summary of our governance arrangements;
- the financial statements for 2014/15;
- remuneration of non-executive and executive members of the ONR Board; and
- the Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General to the Houses of Parliament, containing an unqualified audit opinion.

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