



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

Report for period 01 July – 30 September 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:

29 July 2015

1 - 3 September 2015

An ONR Principal Inspector in Radiation Protection and an ONR Emergency Preparedness and Response Inspector visited the site on the following dates during the quarter:

1 - 2 September 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 (REPPIR), and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

The three-yearly REPPIR Level 2 demonstration emergency exercise denoted “Evening Star 15” was held on 2nd September 2015. Since it was a Level 2 exercise, the elements of the off-site emergency plan produced by the Local Authority (LA) under REPPIR and regulated by ONR, were tested as well as the on-site elements of the MoD Operator’s plan. The latter is normally demonstrated on an annual basis at either Level 1 or, as applicable in this case, as part of a Level 2 demonstration. For the on-site aspects, ONR supported DNSR, who were focused on these elements of the assessment under their Authorisation Condition (AC) 11, and for the off-site aspects, DNSR supported ONR at the Clyde Off-Site Centre with the focus on the Local Authority’s REPPIR plan. ONR concurred with DNSR’s assessment of the exercise being an adequate demonstration against the requirements of Authorisation Condition 11 and ONR has written to the Local Authority to confirm that the exercise constituted a test of the plan prepared under Reg 9(1) of the REPPIR regulations and demonstrated in accordance with Regulation 10(1)(b).

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 the Annual Review of Safety meeting where HMNB Clyde undertook a review of safety performance over the past year, observed by regulators, including ONR. The ONR inspector present was satisfied that a comprehensive and challenging review of safety had been carried out by site.

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

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

Retirement of the Chief Nuclear Inspector

Dr Andy Hall, the first Chief Nuclear Inspector to hold this statutory office, announced his decision to retire from ONR in November 2015 and until his retirement he is taking a period of compassionate leave for personal reasons. The ONR Board, with the approval of the Secretary of State, has appointed Dr Richard Savage as acting Chief Nuclear Inspector, pending a process to fill the role on a permanent basis. Richard was previously Head of the Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator before joining ONR in his current role as a Deputy Chief Nuclear Inspector.

Regulation Matters magazine

Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found in Regulation Matters. This quarterly online publication (<http://www.onr.org.uk/regulation-matters.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, you can also visit the website and sign up for our e-bulletin: <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>.

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