



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

Report for period 01 October – 31 December 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:

3-4 November 2015.

The ONR Acting Director Defence Programme visited the site on the following dates during the quarter:

2-3 November 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).

No on-site inspections were undertaken during this quarter.

2.2 Other work

The Site Inspector and the Acting Director Defence Programme attended the annual senior level regulatory interface meeting. The meeting is an opportunity for senior regulatory staff to engage directly with the senior management team of the naval base to review performance and provide any advice. The meeting was considered to accurately represent the duty holder's current performance and dialogue had been at a level reflecting the maturity of HM Naval Base Clyde as an authorisee. The improvement that had been observed in relation to emergency exercise demonstration was specifically noted. Whilst on the base, the ONR Acting Defence Programme Director undertook a facility familiarisation walk-down.

The ONR Site Inspector met with HM Naval Base Clyde staff to explain the basis for an inspection of the adequacy of compliance with the Ionising Radiation Regulations 1999 (IRR99) that is to be conducted in the next financial year. It was clear from discussions that the site representatives understand the requirements and responsibilities for compliance with the IRR99 regulations.

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

Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found in ONR's Regulation Matters. The 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 visit the website and sign up for our e-bulletin: <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>.

Adrienne Kelbie has been appointed Chief Executive of ONR and will take up the appointment on 18 January 2016. Adrienne is currently the Chief Executive of the Disclosure and Barring Service, and prior to this has had a varied career including periods as Deputy Chief Executive in a local authority and as Director of Operations responsible for national and international funding at the Big Lottery Fund.

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