



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Hunterston A

Report for period 01 April 2015 to 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 of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (www.onr.org.uk/lrc)

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Hunterston 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.

1 INSPECTIONS

1.1 Dates of inspection

1. The ONR site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the quarter:

11-15 May

1-5 June

For the May inspection, the inspector was accompanied for the Licence Condition (LC) 11 inspection by a Radiation Protection specialist and for the June inspection, the inspector was accompanied for most of the time by a specialist inspector from the legal advice team.

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

2. 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 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74);
- The Energy Act 2013; 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).

3. 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 Hunterston A covered the following:

- Documents, records, authorities and certificates
- Emergency arrangements
- Duly authorised and other suitably qualified and experienced persons
- Operating Rules
- Operating instructions
- Control and supervision of operations

4. ONR inspectors participated in the Annual Level 1 emergency demonstration exercise in conjunction with Magnox Ltd's own internal regulation team and found the demonstration to be adequate, with areas of good practice observed and some areas for improvement noted.

5. The inspector reviewed the arrangements and their implementation with regard to duly authorised and other suitably qualified and experienced persons. With regard to duly authorised persons ONR considered the position to be adequate with some areas for improvement for the detailed position considered within the inspection. With regard to the appointment of other suitably qualified and experienced persons, the site inspector

found a number of shortfalls with regard to the implementation of the arrangements by the site in a specific area and communicated its judgement to site. The site provided ONR with a number of commitments and there will be a follow-up inspection later on in the year to confirm that site has delivered on the commitments given to ONR.

6. The inspector considered the control and supervision of operations and found this to be adequate, with some areas of improvement, although the inspector noted the significant personal commitment of the individual observed, which should be commended.
7. The site inspector together with the specialist inspector from the legal advice team, considered the arrangements and implementation for documents, records, authorities and certificates. This was judged to be adequate, with some areas for improvement identified.
8. The inspectors considered operating rules and found there to be shortfalls with regard to relevant good practice, as per the published guidance. There was discussion regarding the shortfalls and site is providing a programme of work to align with the required position.
9. The inspectors considered the operating instructions and found a specific area of non-compliance in one facility as part of the inspection. Site has provided a commitment to address this shortfall and ONR will follow this up in future inspections.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

10. 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.
11. There were no such matters or events of significance during the quarter.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

12. 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' (LI), but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may issue enforcement notices to secure improvements to safety. No LIs or Enforcement notices have been issued during the period.

Reports detailing regulatory decisions are available on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

13. 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;
 - The Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General to the Houses of Parliament, containing an unqualified audit opinion.
14. ONR's licence condition handbook is available via the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/silicon.pdf>
15. ONR has published its [Annual Plan for 2015/16](#); setting out its priorities, as well as providing details of the year's planned activities and key targets.
16. Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found on the ONR website news centre (<http://news.onr.org.uk>) and 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 ONR. 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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