



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

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 for the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group [SSG] and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lrc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Hunterston SSG 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

1. The ONR nominated site inspector made inspections, supported where appropriate by specialist inspectors, on the following dates during the [Q](#)quarter:

21 – 24 April 2015

27 – 30 April 2015

25 – 28 May 2015

29 June to 03 July 2015

2. ONR's civil nuclear security [CNS] inspectors undertake quarterly inspections at Hunterston B. The Quarter 2 planned inspection was undertaken on:

29 June to 03 July 2015

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

3. 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 [although the Energy Act acquired Royal Assent in December 2013, inspectors did not commence regulation under that Act until 01 April 2014.
 - The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 etc. (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).
4. 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.
5. In this period, routine inspections of Hunterston B covered the following:
 - training;
 - safety documentation;
 - operational records;
 - operating instructions;
 - periodic safety review;
 - documents, records, authorities and certificates;
 - modification or experiment on existing plant;
 - examination, inspection, maintenance and testing.
6. 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.

7. In addition to our compliance inspections based on the conditions attached to the nuclear site licence, ONR inspectors are now inspecting the operating reactors based on safety related systems. Each site has a safety case that demonstrates how it operates safely. For advanced gas cooled reactors, each of approximately thirty key systems will be inspected against the claims made upon them by the safety case. The aim is to systematically inspect all the significant safety related systems within a five-year cycle (six per year). ONR believes that this will provide more robust assurances of the site's safe operation and how the safety case is being implemented.
8. During this quarter, ONR undertook inspections against one such system at Hunterston B:
 - Inspection of the station emergency power generation system. Inspectors judged that this system met the requirements of the safety case, and compliance with associated Licence Conditions was judged to be adequate.
9. A team of ONR inspectors observed, on 29th April 2015, a counter-terrorist exercise. The inspectors judged this to have been an adequate demonstration.

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. ONR was made aware on 1 June 2015 of the station's decision to shut-down Reactor 3 due to severe ingress of seaweed concurrent with low tide; this ingress impacted upon the main cooling water system. The nominated site inspector's preliminary enquiries confirmed the reactor had been safely shut-down, and safely returned to service. The nominated site inspector has evaluated the licensee's investigation and has confirmed he is satisfied that the decision to shutdown was appropriately conservative and that [appropriate](#) corrective actions have been identified from this incident. [This should enable the station to anticipate the potential impact of any future marine ingress event to allow the safe operation of the plant to be maintained-](#)

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' [LIs], but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may issue Enforcement Notices to secure improvements to safety.
13. ONR [has](#) issued a Licence Instrument on 17th July 2015, giving agreement under the licensee's arrangements made under Licence Condition 22, to implement a consolidated hazards safety case. This consolidated safety case provides a holistic perspective across the hazards, and demonstrates that the individual hazards safety cases are comprehensive and consistent with one another and also with the plant based faults safety cases.
14. No Enforcement Notices were issued during the period.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

15. ONR published its [Annual Report and Accounts for 2014/15](#) on 29 June 2015. 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
16. Further 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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