



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Oldbury

Report for period 1 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 of the Oldbury Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

The safety site inspector from ONR usually attends the Oldbury 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.

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1 INSPECTIONS

1.1 Dates of inspection

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

- 27-29 April 2015
- 17 June 2015
- 29-30 June 2015

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

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;
- the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (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).

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 at Oldbury addressed the following:

- Site plans and specification (licence condition (LC) 16)
- Modifications on existing plant (LC22)
- Control and supervision of operations (LC26)
- Accumulation of waste (LC32)
- Disposal of waste (LC33)
- Control and containment of radioactive matter (LC34)
- Decommissioning (LC35)
- Organisational capability (LC36)

During this quarter, Oldbury was inspected for compliance with the above licence conditions during the routine inspections using ONR licence condition guidance as the basis of the inspections. ONR judged that Oldbury demonstrated adequate compliance with some of the licence conditions with respect to the sample used in the inspection. With respect to accumulation of waste, preparations for demonstrating the site to be fuel-free and the preparation of the nuclear baseline as a demonstration of organisational capability, ONR judged Oldbury demonstrated a good standard of compliance. It was also noted that Oldbury was planning to do additional work in these areas as further information became available.

2.2 Other work

The site inspector attended the April Site Stakeholder Group meeting, where he referred members to the 2015 first quarter's report. He also provided the group with an overview on how the Energy Act 2013 changed the safety regulation of Oldbury and other nuclear licensed sites in Great Britain.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

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.

During the quarter three minor incidents were reported to ONR:

1. A fuel element was damaged during desplitting. Oldbury subsequently overhauled the two desplitting machines to reduce the likelihood of repeat events. There were no radiological implications from the incident.
2. An excavator made contact with a barrier. The barrier in turn moved and pushed over a Gamma Monitoring Station. Part of a brick wall was also damaged. There was no one in the vicinity and there were no radiological implications from the incident.
3. An inspection of two redundant Caesium Removal Units revealed the units contained full charges of spent resin. The resin had been there for at least 30 years and there was no immediate threat to safety.

In all ONR cases, ONR was satisfied with the licensee's response to the events.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

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.

- No LIs or Enforcement Notices were issued to Oldbury during the period.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

ONR Annual Report and Accounts

The [ONR Annual Report and Accounts for 2014/15](#) was laid in Parliament on 29 June. This presents the key developments during ONR's first year as a Public Corporation including:

- Progress against ONR's Annual Plan;
- The Chief Nuclear Inspector's annual statement on the safety and security performance of the nuclear industry;
- A summary of ONR's governance arrangements; and
- Details of ONR management arrangements and how resources have been utilised.

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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