



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Studsvik Metal Recycling Facility

Report for period 1 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 Studsvik Metal Recycling Facility Local Liaison Panel and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Studsvik Metal Recycling Facility Local Liaison Panel 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 and/or other ONR inspectors conducted interventions on the following dates during the quarter:

October	20 th
November	11 th
December	9 th 10 th

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.

The Studsvik Metals Recycling Facility (MRF) Level 1 Demonstration Emergency Exercise "Helium" was planned for December 9th. Due to the problems resulting from the weather conditions in Cumbria, the Cumbria Fire Brigade informed MRF that they could not participate in the demonstration exercise. The participation of the fire brigade was an important aspect of the exercise scenario and therefore it was decided to postpone the exercise. The Level 1 Demonstration Exercise will now be rearranged to be undertaken Jan – March 2016.

2.2 Other work

ONR has held various discussions during the reporting period relating to the Studsvik proposals to further re-organise operations and management structures at MRF and to reduce staff numbers. ONR will continue to engage with Studsvik Senior Management as the proposals are finalised and implemented. Included in the overall re-organisation programme are proposals to simplify the MRF licence compliance and safety management systems. MRF are currently compiling a programme of work to cover all these areas of work and it is considered that the monitoring of this programme will be a significant part of the ONR 2016/17 inspection programme .

The ONR Site Inspector continued inspections and discussions during this reporting period relating to the improvements undertaken at MRF to address issues associated with the accumulation and storage of material across the facility site. MRF has made significant progress in removing from the site significant amounts of material and waste..

Discussions were held regarding the MRF Emergency Arrangements Capability Map. All nuclear licensed sites have been required by the UK Government to respond to a standard question set on various aspects of emergency response capability. MRF has produced an initial draft which has been reviewed by ONR. MRF has agreed to submit an updated version of the MRF Capability Map in early January 2016 to facilitate the formal final ONR assessment.

During the reporting period updates have been obtained on various other aspects of operations on the MRF site. None of the matters discussed were considered to require immediate regulatory action. However, a number of issues will be discussed further with MRF during planned interventions with the site within the next reporting period.

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.

Information on the non-routine matters and events that occurred on the MRF site during the report period has been provided to ONR. ONR considers that MRF has adequately investigated the events and taken appropriate measures to address issues arising. However, a number of actions being undertaken by MRF to address some of the issues raised will be followed up by the ONR Site Inspector during the next reporting period.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

ONR inspectors 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.

The following LIs and Enforcement Notices (Table 1) have been issued during the period:

Table 1
Licence Instruments and Enforcement Notices Issued by ONR during this period

Date	Type	Ref No	Description
			None issued this report period

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

Regulation Matters magazine

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 ongoing changes at 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>).

Chief Executive

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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