



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

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

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Winfrith 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 nominated site safety inspector made inspections on the following dates during the quarter:

2 June 2015
22 – 24 June 2015

A new site nuclear safety inspector took over responsibility for Winfrith on 1 July. The incoming nuclear safety site inspector participated in the inspections on 23 and 24 June 2015.

Two ONR fault studies specialist inspectors made an inspection on 16th June 2015 to progress the assessment of the licensee's Hazard Identification and Risk Evaluation (HIRE) report, as required by the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPPiR).

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 of (site/station) covered the following:

- Management of operations including control and supervision;

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.

2.2 Other work

The outgoing site nuclear safety inspector attended the Winfrith Site Stakeholder Group meeting on 2 June 2015.

Both the incoming and the outgoing site nuclear safety inspectors held a routine review of ONR issues for the Harwell and Winfrith sites. Both inspectors also attended a routine meeting with the site safety representatives.

The outgoing site nuclear safety inspector held a routine meeting with the internal regulator for the Harwell and Winfrith sites. Evidence was provided of good alignment between the internal regulator's arrangements and the "Independent Oversight - A Nuclear Industry Good Practice Guide" published on behalf of the Nuclear Industry Safety Directors Forum. We discussed the internal regulator's 2015/16 programme. This was considered to be proportionate, since it has taken into consideration a number of factors identified from implementation of the 2014/15 programme, including expected major changes to organisational structure and management systems and insufficient independent assessment of security arrangements

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.

There were no such matters or events of significance during the period.

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 during the period.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

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>).

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; and
- the Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General to the Houses of Parliament, containing an unqualified audit opinion.

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