



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for HM Naval Base Clyde

Report for period 01 April to 30 June 2016

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 Clyde Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Clyde Local Liaison Committee 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

The majority of sites inspected by ONR are licensed under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965. HM Naval Base Clyde is not a licensed site, although it operates under authorisation from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator (DNSR). The site comprises the Faslane and Coulport facilities and is regulated by ONR through other legislation as noted below. This report summarises the inspection and regulatory activities associated with HM Naval Base Clyde which are co-ordinated with inspections by DNSR.

1.1 Dates of inspection

The ONR Site Inspector made visits to the site on the following date during the quarter:

18 May 2016.

An ONR Specialist Inspector in Conventional Health and Safety visited the site on the following date during the quarter:

23 June 2016.

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74); and regulations made under HSWA74, for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR99), the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPPiR), and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

In this period, routine inspections at HMNB Clyde covered the following:

- Incidents on the Site

The joint inspection of Authorisation Condition 7 (Incidents on the Site) arrangements was a joint inspection with DNSR and was a follow up to a joint inspection conducted in November 2014. A significant programme of work has been undertaken at HMNB Clyde to enhance AC7 safety management arrangements. The inspection found that relevant good practice is generally met and legal duties complied with. No significant shortfalls were identified in the arrangements for delivery against AC7 requirements, with only minor suggestions for improvement in compliance arrangements.

2.2 Other work

The Site Inspector attended a number of meetings during the above site visits to provide input to planning for future emergency exercise demonstrations to be undertaken at HMNB Clyde.

In support of the DNSR inspection of Authorisation Condition 2 (Marking of the Site Boundary) arrangements, the ONR Site Inspector participated in a walk-down of the authorised site boundaries at both Faslane and RNAD Coulport. No issues arose during the site walk-downs.

An ONR conventional (i.e. non-nuclear) Health and Safety Inspector attended the Faslane site to follow up on a conventional safety event reported under the RIDDOR regulations and also undertook a familiarisation visit to the RNAD Coulport site. The purpose of the visit was to gain an appreciation of the main activities undertaken on the site and the key conventional health and safety hazards that are present as a result of those activities. No issues were raised.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

Authorisees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the authorisee'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 inspectors may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. No such documents were issued during this period

5 NEWS FROM ONR

Chief Nuclear Inspector's annual statement

ONR published its Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 on 7 July. As well as reporting on ONR's performance, the report includes the Chief Nuclear Inspector's annual statement, which provides a judgement on the regulatory attention necessary for each licensed site, dependent on the level of hazard and risk posted by the facility. The Annual Report and Accounts can be viewed on the ONR website.

New regulatory structure

ONR has recently reviewed its organisational arrangements to ensure that our regulatory structure is appropriately focused to deliver front-line regulation over the next few years. To maintain effective and proportionate regulation, and to address potential and actual imbalances in the current workloads of the programmes, we have created three nuclear safety programmes, each led by a Deputy Chief Inspector. These programmes are:

- A new reactors programme dealing with design assessment, licensing and construction of civil reactors.
- An operating facilities programme dealing with operating reactors, defence sites and other operating facilities.
- A Sellafield, decommissioning, fuel and waste programme dealing predominantly in decommissioning and waste.

You can view ONR's [organisational structure](#) and full [regulatory structure](#) on our website.

Chief Nuclear Inspector Summary Plan for 2016/17

The CNI Summary Plan outlines high level regulatory milestones to deliver ONR's Strategic Plan to 2020 and ONR's approach to the delivery of safety and security regulation across the UK's nuclear reactors and facilities. It was published on 11 July and is available on the ONR website.

Regulation Matters

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 on-going changes at ONR. For the latest news and updates from ONR visit the website and sign up for our e-bulletin: <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>.

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